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Whitehall

gas drive By Valerie Elliott WHITEHALI, FOITOR

cars go

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Blair's

TONY BLAIR has ordered that ministerial cars should be powered by environmentallyfriendly natural gas fuel.

About 30 cars will switch to the new fuel at first, but

eventually the 175-strong fleet of ministerial and pool cars will all be run on a green fuel. saving about 20p on a litre of

The move is part of the Government's pledge to "green" Whitehall and to help to restore quality air. The gas fuels reduce smog and other pollutants.

Exempted from the move are the petrol-guzzling, armour-plated Daimlers and Jaguars used by Mr Blair and his deputy, John Prescott. For security and cost reasons they will remain petrol-driven until they are replaced, but their successors will run on gas.

The first 30 government cars will switch from petrol in the new year when they will move on compressed natural gas, CNG, or liquefied petroleum gas, LPG. The rest of the fleet will convert within six vears as vehicles are replaced. Mr Blair himself also has

the use of a gas-powered Rover left by John Major in the Downing Street pool. The Downing Street people-carrier, a ford Galaxy used by the Blair family as well as by the Prime Minister and his senior aides, was converted to LPG two months ago.

One problem for ministers is that a gas tank runs for only about 150 miles and there are only 18 gas refuelling stations in the country. Government cars will fill up with gas at their depot in Vauxhall, south London So all the cars will keep a petrol tank and will be able to switch fuels in emergencies.

It costs between £2,000 and £3,000 to convert a car to

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UN pulls out inspection team

'Invincible' is prepared for Gulf action

By Michael Evans and Michael Binyon

BRITAIN was preparing last night to send a potent strike force to the Gulf to support the Americans in any military action against Iraq.

The aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, armed with six Sea. Harriers, was ordered to steam from Barbados to Gibraltar and prepare to take on board six RAF Harrier GR7s.

The announcement of a British naval deployment came after the summary expulsion of six American Uniectors from Baghdad and the UN's resultant decision to withdraw almost the entire inspection team.

HMS Invincible will reach Gibraltar by Wednesday, accompanied by a tanker. If the Government decides to deploy the RAF Harriers, they will join the ship in Gibraltar. These are more powerful and have a longer range than the Sea Harriers. They carry la-ser-guided bombs and are capable of low-level attacks at night. A decision to send them

is expected this weekend. it would be the first time since the Second World War that a Royal Navy carrier had RAF aircraft on hoard for an operational mission - although the Harrier GR7 has been used in a number of training exercises with Royal Navy carriers over the past 12 months.

Once room is made for the GR7s by removing Sea Harriers and helicopters, the carrier will be ready to head for the Gulf and she could be in place by <u>next</u> weekend. Mr Clinton, who met his

national security team yesterday, called Iraq's expulsion of the weapons inspectors an unacceptable challenge to the international community, and declared: "I intend to pursue this matter in a very deter-mined way." Bill Richardson, the US ambassador to the UN, warned of grave consequences and all American forces in the Gulf — 2,000 personnel, 17 warships and 200 aircraft —

were oo full alert. Tony Blair and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, discussed the crisis during talks at Downing Street and both strongly supported a tough allied stance. Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, will hold talks with the Govermoent when she arrives in

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, condemned Iraq's "latest act of obstruction", but said it was not too late for President Saddam Hussein to respond to the will of the international community. while George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, described the Invincible's move as "a

precautionary measure". Last night, however, only the US and Britain from the 36-nation Gulf war coalition appeared to be preparing for a military confrontation with.

condemned the Iraqi action, but there were no offers of military help. Arab - leaders called on

addam to avoid a new conflict, but warned Washington against an attack. Several former key allies, such as Saudi Arabia and Turkey, have indicated that they would not allow their bases to be used by American or British forces for a fresh strike against

Iraq. Saddam ordered out the six American weapons inspectors after meeting his top military officials and putting his country on a war footing. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, accused the inspectors of spying and told Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, that Iraq was not scared by American threats. He also denounced as unjust the Security Council resolution on Wednesday banning Iraqi officials from travelling and prolonging sanctions for at least six months.

The UN responded to the expulsion order by announcing that it was pulling out all but a handful of its 78 inspectors. The six Americans left last night, in spite of UN demands that they be allowed to fly out with the rest of the inspection staff - which includes ten Britons - today. About six Chilean helicopter

technicians will be left behind to form a skeleton staff at a UN monitoring centre, and allinspections have been suspended. Richard Butler, the UN chief arms inspector, said: "We will not accept this illegal separation of nationalities." Iraq. Other European allies



Jemima Khan arriving at St John's, Smith Square, in London yesterday for the memorial service for her father

Goldsmith - and all that jazz

THE early warning was delivered right at the beginning by Sir David Frost, who introduced sterday's memorial service in London for the late Sir James Goldsmith at St John's, Smith Square, by saying that it was not going to be

a religious occasion. Goldsmith, who died in Spain in July, was not a religious man, but he was a spiritual one. The 700 guests who gathered to celebrate his remarkably multi-faceted life found themselves in an atmosphere more akin to carnival

than church, punctuated by jazz, a Mexican mariachi band and impromptu dancing. It seemed a fitting farewell for a true maverick.

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tress; had been asked by the

The make-up of the audience - they could hardly be called a congregation - reflected the fullest of lives. There were his two surviving wives, Lady Annabel Goldsmith and Ginette Lery, and a clutch of his children led by his daughter Jemima, accompanied by her husband Imran Khan. Aides said that Laure

of St John's were filled with faces that reflected Goldsmith's business and political life: the media owners Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black Lord McAlpine, who is now the figurehead of the Referendum Party; the leading Eurosceptic Tory MP Bil Cash; and former MPs Neil

Baroness Thatcher, in a tribute to the buccaneering millionaire businessman turned Eurosceptic and founder of the Referendum Party, said that Sir James was

Hamilton and Jonathan

walk of life he trod had failed to bear his imprint.

She acknowledged that his business activities had once elicited a chorus of disapprov al, but she said: "I never felt tempted to join the chorus for capitalism, remember, depends on the challenge of competition, not the complacency of corporatism."

Sir James, she said, had an intellectual clarity which he brought to bear on politics as much as business, but he also had the guts, which were just as important as wealth in

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Rowing pair are rescued

Two British brothers who were lost at sea for six days during a transatiantic rowing race were rescued yesterday.

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The long wait

A young footballer who had a trial for Manchester United in the summer of 1950 had to wait years before he re-ceived a letter from the club's talent scout asking him back _...Page 10

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Let Labour keep my £1m, car racing chief tells watchdog

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE motor racing chief at the centre of the political donations row has appealed to the public standards watchdog to allow Labour to keep the El million he gave it before the general election. Bernie Ecclestone says in a

letter to The Times today that

the advice to the Government from Sir Patrick Neill to pay back the money is a "gross." insulting and irrational" restriction of his freedom. Mr Ecclestone, who offered second gift to Labour after the election, states that there were "no strings attached" to

his donation to the party. He says that he regards Tony Blair as "a person of excep-tional ability" and made the donation to help him become more independent from old fashioned vested interests in the Labour movement."

The letter is the latest bizarre twist in a story that is still piling embarrassment on Mr Blair after the Government's decision to exempt Formula One racing from the



to do if the gifts are

tobacco advertising ban. Mr Ecclestone has appealed to Sir Patrick for him to reconsider his decision and is understood to be so upset over his treatment that he may not even pay the £1 million into his bank account when Labour

sends it back. He may leave it untouched and technically still in Labour's possession — until his appeal to Sir Patrick has been considered. He says in The Times that he has just paid an annual tax bill of £27 million for the

privilege of living in England rather than a tax haven. With so large an investment it is reasonable to pay a million or two extra" as a contribution to a free and independent government for my country". Labour and Sir Patrick last

change of letters between last Friday and Monday. This followed pressure from Sir Patrick on the Government to reveal the full contents, in the wake of the disclosure in The Times yesterday that there

hari been a second offer. The letters confirm that Labour, in approaching Sir Patrick last Friday, was more concerned about the propriety of the potential second donation than the first. Downing Street and Labour headquarters were stunned when Sir Patrick advised the return of the first donation - he had not been told it was as big as £1 million - but had no choice

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Volkswagen may bid for Rolls Royce

By Jason Nisse

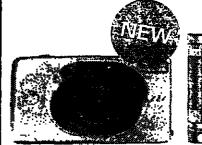
VOLKSWAGEN, the German car group, seemed poised yes-terday to make a bid for Rolls Royce, which Vickers wants to sell for a likely £400 million. BMW, which supplies en-

gines for Rolls Royces, is the favourite bidder, with Daimler Benz, Fiat. Chrysler and Ford also expressing interest. VW had not been expected to bid. Earlier this year, when it launched a £2.4 billion fundraising issue, it said it was not in the market for acquisitions.

However, VW called off the issue last month, and yesterday it said: "In the light of recent developments in the world capital markets. Volkswagen no longer rules out making an acquisition or taking a stake in its core business area." But the company refused to say whether or not it

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night published their exwas bidding for Rolls Royce. Yes ministers, Humphrey's gone to the country

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR HE was once presumed dead. only to reappear to spend more time with his top family. But yesterday Humphrey the Downing Street cat left the

Government for good. The change of administra tion and a prime ministerial family none too partial to felines have taken their toll. His exit from public life was deliberately quiet - on medical advice as he has a kidney

Yesterday afternoon the 11-

year old slipped out of the

time. His precise destination

is an official secret but he has

complaint.

a good home with a staff member from the accommodation unit. One theory last night was that rather than opt for the Chiltern Hundreds, he had gone to try country life down in Sussex.

Yesterday he left with his essential accoutrements — his basket, litter-tray and favourite toy mouse. However, his departure from frontline politics was not accompanied by the traditional exchange of tributes. There was no personal statement from the Prime Minister or Mrs Blair, nor a final miaow from Humphrey.

The black and white

survivor of changing political

fortunes may have met his

match when Tony and Cherie Blair moved in Mrs Blair was said to dislike cats, thinking them unhygenic, though she coddled Humphrey in front of the cameras to prove her critics wrong.

Staff at Number 10 and the Cabinet Office did issue a joint statement, saying: "We have all grown very fond of him but realise that he will be better off being cared for in a quiet environment away from the hustle and bustle of central London."

In the tradition of his namesake, Sir Humphrey Appleby, the fictional Permanent Secretary of BBC Television's Yes Minister, Civil Servants During the tenure of three prime ministers - Thatcher, Major and Blair - Humphrey, who arrived as a stray in 1989, meticulously ate all catfood brands lest the Government be accused of favouritism. Delicacies included Whitehall mice, and the

Queen's ducklings from St

James's Park near by. Since the election he has led a hectic life, being mistaken for a stray and catnapped, and almost run over by President Clinton's bullet proof Cadillac.

☐ Tailnote: Other cats need not apply for the post. It has



Humphrey: goodbye

A fragrant army incapable of stepping out of line

ate, the effect on the Stepford

wellian about new Labour women MPs. Where the men appear as harmless, bootlicking buffoons, the women are so unsmilingly synchronised, so nervelessly correct, so relentlessly unoriginal, as to be

Readers may recall The Stepford Wives. These were the bodies of women, with implanted brains: fault-free, personality-free. When a Stenford wife met a situation for which she was unprogrammed, her behaviour control mechanism would select default option and go into a loop, repeating "I'll make some more cookies.

Have Peter Mandelson and his party managers conducted surgical operations on the new MPs, turning real women into lobotomised clones? By one means or another the party has provided itself with women who are not flesh and blood but con-

structed of soya-substitute. These are Tony Blair's Stepford wives. They were horribly in evidence at Education and Employment Questions yesterday afternoon. Call me cynical, but I question



was coinicidence that, ranged immediately behind the Education ministers so as to fill the TV frame, sat two solid rows of women, nodding. Fourteen women clustered around the camera-focus of

It would be rude to name names. Suffice it to say that all were trim, slim, unobtrusively powdered and carefully

breeze passing through a bed Occasionally one of them

dressed; all sat upright with copybook posture, appearing perfectly attentive to everything ministers said. Whenever a minister made a point with any emphasis, all the women nodded their beautifully-coiffed heads - some blonde, some brunette, some auburn - in unison. When the blustery junior minister, Kim Howells, waxed passion-"my Rt Hon Friend is abso-

some more cookies."

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would ask a "question". None conveyed any hint of criticism of Government policy, the only permissible variation on the theme of unmittigated rapture being to ask ministers whether, as what the Government was doing was so wonderful, they could possibly arrange to do even more of it, faster, sooner, and on a yet grander scale. When con-lounded, a Blair wife says

Having throughout the Tory years despaired of a House composed of Cecils, Normans, Archies, and Cyrils, this sketch now faces a contrasting horror, a dread army of Julias, Melanies, Beverleys and Claires.

What chills the blood is not the blandness: if these were jelly-babies they would be powerless to harm. No, what unnerves is the prickling to the spine one used to experience when encountering Chilean customs officers. Behind the mask, a pitiless facility to

mares these women march on me, phalanxes of them; all the

THE TIMES WEINISCHAU MOMBLERIB WARRE

Where Chinese emperors had their terracotta armies, Tony Blair has his Estée Lauder army, ciphers, to a woman, but threatening. Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, is their general -- vanilla with a strangely bitter edge.

Into this fearsome harmony of simpering orthodoxy, the voice of Gillian Shephard, Shadow House Leader sharp, arch, original, clever, scratchy and sarcastic brings blessed discord.



Prince leads tribute to Speaker

Tony Blair led a congregation of 1,500 at a memorial service for Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker of the Commons, in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, shadow deputy leader of the Commons and a close friend of the former George Thomas, said he would be remembered as a great Christian politician along with Wilberforce and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Jaguar hope

Unions reached agree-ment with Ford to build the new "baby" Jaguar X400 at Halewood, Mer-seyside, if Britain wins the deal, Ohio, USA, is competing for the work. A decision is due next year.

Student dies

A student at Sussex University in Brighton has died of meningitis. The 20-year-old undergraduate, who was studying engineering, is the sixth university student to die

Liquid asset

Girls who drink an extra half pint of milk a day could help to reduce their risk of brittle bones later in life, a study by the Centre for Human Nutrition at Sheffield University has found.

IRA denies rift The IRA has attempted to

speculation over a split with a statement insisting it was "intact, united and committed". It said a few members closely associated with each other had resigned.

Wilderness row

William Hague over his plans to reform the party. He said the reform document was "ill-informed" about MEPs' activities.

Gypsies return

A coachload of Czech Gypsies was sent back to Dover from London after seeking temporary ac-commodation because they feared violence during a National Front march tomorrow.

CORRECTIONS

☐ The 1995-96 private ince The 1995-96 private income of Sciwyn College, Cambridge, was £899,228 and not £88,938 as listed on Navember 8. The correct figure places Sciwyn in the anidele of the table of 23 colleges.

☐ Panasonic UK Ltd way'i first Japanese owned cop-pany to mark Armistice Day with a two-minute silence last year, a tribute repeated this year (report, November 10)



Matthew, left, and Edward Boreham practising capsizing. They gave the boat a Viking funeral after rescue

Rescued brothers had been rowing in circles for 21 days

By LIN JENKINS, STEPHEN FARRELL AND JOHN GOODBODY

TWO British brothers who were lost at sea for six days during a transatiantic rowing race gave their boat a fiery Viking burial after being rescued yesterday.

Matthew and Edward Boreham were a third of the way through the 3,000-mile voyage from Tenerife to Bar-

bados last Friday when they tried to signal that they were in trouble believing that they had been aimlessly rowing in circles after losing all power and with it their navigation

Their boat, Spirit of Spelthorne, was finally located yesterday, six days later, after letting off an emergency beacon and rescued by the Challenge yacht. Edward, 31, speaking from the rescue boat, said: "We are the rescue, so activated their very relieved. We only had about ten days of water left and when you set off a beacon. you do think, is anybody out there going to find us?"

He said they had first broadcast SOS signals when they thought they still had enough water to row to land. When that failed to alert help. they set off their tracking beacons, but after five days realised no one was coming to

emergency beacon.

"It was about one day and a half before the Hercules of the Portuguese forces located our smoke flares - a bottle of Scotch will be heading their way. We set off for the adventure of a lifetime and while we haven't completed the race, an adventure we certainly had."

The brothers will stay on the yacht until it reaches Barbados in a month's time, helping with sails and in the galley. Last night Matthew, 28, spoke by satellite telephone from the race support yacht to his wife at their home in

Sunbury, southwest London, where she had been waiting with his parents for news of her husband.

He gave a dramatic account of how the brothers believed they had been rowing in circles for 21 of their 33 days at sea. When they tried to activate the distress signal on their tracking beacon it shortcircuited. On Tuesday, when help had not arrived, they put their emergency beacon in the water, but its rope broke and it floated away.

Matthew's wife Alison hugs their eight-month-old daughter Georgina for joy

Steering by the stars and a sextant they found their progress hampered by heavy storms which sent them miles back in the direction from

where they had come. "I'm sorry," Matthew told his wife. "I hope you were not too worried. Edward, a warehouse man-

ager, and Matthew. boatbuilder by training who has worked as a blacksmith doing complex ironwork for the past two years, rowed their boat 6,000 miles in training and spent hours at the local

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BANK OF SCOTLAND a friend for life

Ecclestone plea to watchdog

says that until the funding reforms are in place he should enjoy the same rights as everyone else. These include the right to make donations to

any political party I choose."

Max Mosley, president of
the International Automobile Federation (FIA) and a close colleague of Mr Ecclestone, who accompanied him to talks with Mr Blair at Downing Street on October 16, said last night that Mr Ecclestone was acting to protect his

He said: "As far as we are aware this is the first time anyone has had a donation like this returned. Bernie does business all over the world and from outside the United Kingdom this will not be seen as reflecting well on him. He does not believe he has been

yesterday that Mr Blair had known that Mr Ecclestone had offered a second donation when he met him on October

It was not until last Friday

called on Mr Blair to publish the minutes of the October 16

Downing Street confirmed this sorry affair have been

that Labour wrote to Sir Patrick saying that it had so far refused the further donation "but we wish to be advised whether this is a position which we need to maintain". Sir Patrick then advised Labour not to take the second donation and to send back the first.

William Hague last night

The Conservative Leader complained that Mr Blair, in setting out a timetable of events in the Commons on Wednesday, had omitted to mention the second donation

unwillingly forced out of your Government to growing con-And John Major, whose latter years as Prime Minister were dogged by allegations of

sleaze, entered the fray to accuse Labour of "incompetence and hypocrisy on a very grand scale". The Cabinet discussed the affair yesterday. Mr Blair said he hoped it could be turned into an opportunity. He hoped the Neill inquiry into funding would come up with the

tightest possible rules covering all parties. Members of Sir Patrick's Committee on Standards in Public Life have been increasingly irritated by the row. Tom King, the former Tory Cabinet

minister, accused the Government of misusing Sir Patrick The request to him was at



Ecclestone: letter

had time to consult other members of committee. "He was asked to give an immediate response to the

points that were raised. I must say it was not at all satisfac-

Jazz tribute to James Goldsmith

Continued from page 1 founding a new political party. "It takes courage of a high order to lay yourself open to the taunts and sneers of lesser men who try to diminish your character because they cannot defeat your argu-ments," she said.

"And it takes a well-nigh superhuman brand of bravery to do all these, as Jimmy did this spring, knowing you are mortally ill, feeling your strength ebbing, fighting back the pain without a shred of self-pity or complaint."

Above all, Lady Thatcher said, Goldsmith was right about Europe. "He was a Great European on a continent which the

Little Europeans claimed as their own." Goldsmith's life was also praised by his brother Edward, Dr Henry Kissinger, and his close friend the zoo-keeper John Aspinall. All said, in their various ways, that whatever they were individually famous for doing well. Sir James dld it

But it was the music most of all that branded the event with the air of From a conventional start with Jerusa-

lem, the programme proceeded through Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, and Gershwin's Summertime to a Mexican mariachi band and thence to Duke

Ellington's Mood Indigo Jemima Khan read the anonymous poem To Laugh Is To Risk Appearing the Fool, and Alix Marcaccini, Goldsmith's daughter by his second wife, read Jimmy

Henry Leconte.

After that, no holds were barred; to the strains of the upbeat jazz time When The Saints Go Marching In, the service closed to the spectacle of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, political leader of South Africa's Zulus, literally dancing in the sieles

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Teenage crushes stand test of time Group of friends Speaker who married in the Sixties have The Police of Walnut tions followed by the control of the defied divorce statistics, reports

Joanna Bale

THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 1997

IN AN age when almost one in two marriages ends in divorce, six couples who wed in the 1960s after being childhood friends appear to have bucked the trend.

They met in the 1950s in a playground after school at Heston, West London. Fourteen children and five grandchildren later, their marri-ages and friendships are as strong as ever.

Val Horwood, 54, and her husband David, 55, of Fleet, Hampshire, remember playing together on the swings and pairing off as teenagers.

"It was love at first sight for me and Dave," Mrs Horwood said. They were the first of the group to wed, in 1963. "In those days everyone met up at the local park after school - there was nothing else to do.".

The 12 even holiday together. There was a week-long skiing trip to Austria in 1991 and the next project is a cruise to the Caribbean.

"We have just as much fun now as in the old days, if not more," said Joan Bovingdon who married Brian, Mr Horwood's childhood best

"There are so many shared memories — of the car rallies we used to do, or the times we met up at the North Star pub as youngsters. We were all under-age drinkers then, and thought we were very daring!
"We went to see the Beatles

together at the Hammersmith Odeon back in 1962 or 1963. "Maybe our marriages have lasted so long because of the types of families we come from -they are all very close. None of us lived with our boyfriends before we married. It just wasn't done back

Another member of the group. John Palmer, 57, be-



through his younger sister Gina, who like many was a pupil at Heston secondary modern. He started courting his wife Ann Barry at the age of 15, when she studied at a neighbouring school. Wood-field Secondary Modern. Two years below Ann there

was her sister Joan, 54, who married a postman, Roger Eppey, in March 1965, a year after the Palmers married. At their after-school gather-

gs, Gina Palmer met and fell in love with Christopher Dalton, 54. They married in September 1965. The remaining members are Elaine and Terry Geere.

Elaine went on to work in the same office as Ann Palmer. Mr Geere said: "Elaine and I have other friends outside the 12 that we haven't seen for years. It would be such an effort to meet up with them now. It would be wrong to talk about making the effort to be with this lot - it's a



these years are, left to right: Christopher and Gina Dalton, Brian and Joan Bovingdon, David and Val Horwood, John and Ann Palmer, Terry and Elaine Geere, and Roger and Joan Eppey. Below, pictured in 1962 before they married are Roger Eppey and Joan Barry. Chris Dalton and Gina Palmer, and Ann Barry and John Palmer. The 12 have

kept up the friendships they made as tecnagers in a West London playground in the 1950s all their lives, even holidaying together. We have just as much fun now as in the old days, if not more," Mrs Bovingdon said. Mr Geere said he and his wife found it an effort to see friends outside the 12. But "it would be wrong to talk about making the effort to be with this lot — it's a pleasure to get

Jury hears screams of child held in judo lock

A COUPLE will escape a murder charge for causing the death of their 18-month-old daughter because it is impossible to say who struck the fatal blows, a court was told

yesterday.

An Old Bailey jury had heard the screams of Sarah Adams as she was bullied by her mother Lavinia Adams's boyfriend, John Sherrington, while she looked on. Mr Sherrington had taped his abuse on a cassette recorder.

There was no doubt that either or both of them had caused the injury that led to months of abuse, the jury was told. Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said that after the girl's death, police found the recorder in Mr Sherrington's flat in Sutton, Surrey.

On it, Mr Sherrington says: "I've got a mixture for you. You can have some car wash mixed with bleach, mixed with paint. A really nice drink for you. You'll love it."

On another section, he says: "I'll get her in a lock." This was a judo lock between his legs, Mr Pownall said, which Mrs Adams had later told police her boyfriend had done on three or four occasions.

Sarah can be heard screaming as Mr Sherrington taunts her, saying: "Got you in a lock, there, look at her

But he tells the baby he will not "mark her" as she has a hospital appointment later that week. Mrs Adams's attempts to intervene "border on the indifferent", Mr Pownall said. She was making a note to herself to buy bubble bath and talking about wanting to do

the washing up, he said. The baby was admitted to hospital unconscious and died there in November last year of skull fractures and haemorrhaging of the brain.

Mrs Adams, 3l, and Mr Sherrington, 33, jointly deny one charge of child cruelty and two charges of neglect. Mr Sherrington further denies three charges of cruelty and Mrs Adams denies one further charge of cruelty by biting Sarah. The case continues.

Judge compares woman's 'sex ordeal' to visit to the dentist

A JUDGE has apologised for comparing a woman's alleged sex ordeal with a trip to the dentist.

The remark by Judge John Prosser, QC, who once suggested a rapist pay £500 to his victim for a holiday, came when the woman

Greg Bull, for the prosecution, asked if the woman said anything during the sex attack. She replied that she was unable to speak. Judge Prosser, 64, then told the distressed woman: "I know what you mean. It's like going to the dentist and he asks where are you going on holiday as he's drilling your silence at Cardiff Crown Court before the embarrassed judge

apologised. He told the woman: was giving evidence that she was I'm very sorry, that was in very bad taste and I apologise to forced into oral sex with a man. everyone."
After giving evidence the 29-yearold woman, who cannot be identi-

fied, said: "I was stunned. I could not believe what I was hearing. It was an ordeal for me to stand up in court and say what had happened. For the judge to come out with that sort of remark is totally insensitive."

the Rhymney Valley in South Wales, added: "At the time I thought the judge was trying to make a humorous comment to put me at ease. But a man in his position should not say things like that. His intentions may have been

fine but he said the wrong thing." The judge was sitting at the trial of Harold Baker, 48, a retired factory worker accused of 12 charges. including rape and indecent assaults. The charges date back over 20 years when the woman and

another alleged victim were children. The woman is an alleged victim of indecent assaults. She wants a personal apology from the judge. The case continues.

In 1993 Judge Prosser ordered a 16-year-old rapist to pay his school-girl victim £500 for "a good holiday" to get over her ordeal. The boy's sentence was later increased to two years in a detention centre by the Court of Appeal, which said Judge Prosser's sentence was

"inappropriate". Two weeks ago a judge rebuked a 14-year-old girl who had alleged she was raped twice in a field to stop "sulking like a baby". The girl had turned her face from the videolink camera when she was giving evidence and covered it with her

will fuel demands for more training, says Frances Gibb

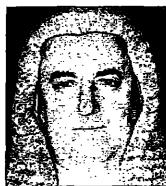
In another case earlier this week Judge Jeffrey Rucker, sitting at Southwark Crown Court, indicated that a college healthcare tutor who had fondled a 22-year-old girl student had done nothing very

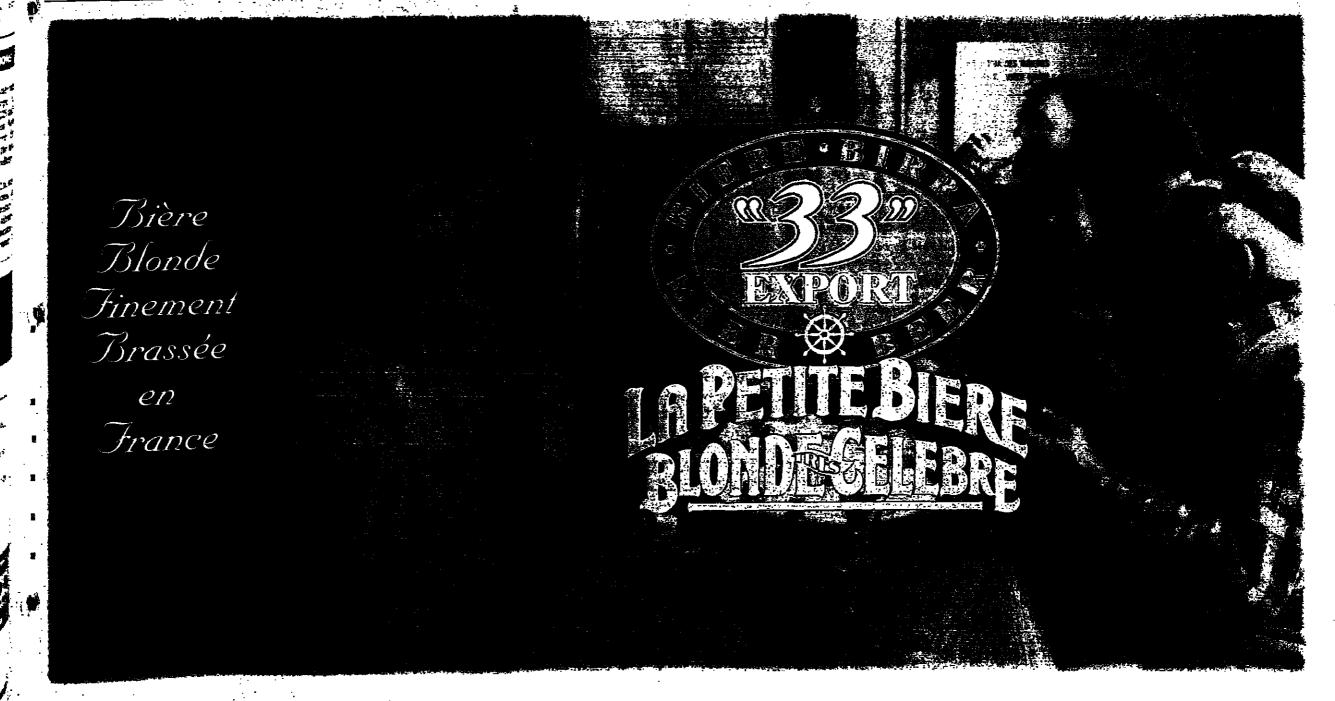
serious". The fresh series of insensitive comments from the bench will fuel demands for more training for judges, although the Judicial Studies Board already runs regular "refresher" courses for judges in

"equal treatment". In an earlier case, Judge Prosser ordered a violent football player to watch videos of Gary Lineker, the former England player, to pick up tips on sportsmanship.

The judge, educated at Pontypridd Grammar School. married and lists his recreations as

watching cricket and television.





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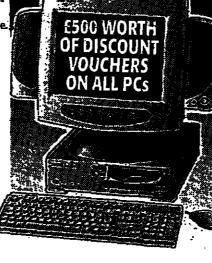
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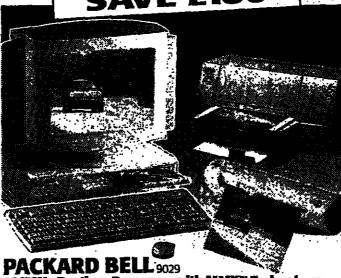
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Random killer' struck in country lane



The village where the alleged killer was said to have driven in search of a victim

Knifeman stopped his car to attack farmer's wife

A FARMER'S wife was selected at random for murder as she walked along a country lane, a court was told yesterday. The killer of Margaret Wilson jumped from his car, cut her throat, then drove off

before workers in fields nearby could come to her aid.
Among them were husband Edwin and her son Alan, who heard her scream. Andrew Campbell, for the prosecution, at Leeds Crown Court, said: "It was a motiveless attack on a perfectly innocent woman in

broad daylight."
Keith Christian, the man accused of killing Mrs Wilson, 66, was said to have driven slowly through country lanes at Burton Fleming, East York-shire, looking for a victim. Moments before the murder, a white or silver Montego estate, similar to one owned by Mr Christian, 33, had driven past another villager, Elise Cundall, as she walked her dogs. Mr Campbell said: The driver was the only occupant. He looked at her and such was his expression, a hard and piercing stare, that she immediately became frightened." he car drove on but she wirned and ran back towards the houses. Several details of ...

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of Mr Christian, he said. Mr Christian denies

murder. The court was told that Mrs Wilson had lived almost all her life in the area, enjoying country walks "without any apprehen-sion of danger. On the day of her

daughter Heather had visited her, and Mrs five occasions. During quesWilson had asked her for a lift tioning in April 1996 he
she returned home to changed his story, saying he Registron a few miles away, so had been helping his in-laws that she could walk back move from Scarbonnesh to "Heather's last memory of her mother is seeing her in the rear-view mirror, walking briskly alone," Mr Campbell

Two farm workers saw her and then noticed a white car behind her. The driver got out and ran up to her: "They saw him grab her from behind and then they both disappeared below the hedgeline. Then they saw the man run back to his car and speed away. They believed she had been mugged, and ran to her

They found her lying face down in a pool of blood. She had two slash wounds to the throat. One was 6in long and would not have been fatal, but the second ran llin from ear to ear, severing the carotoid ar-tery and jugular vein. It was so deep that the blade had cut tissue on her spine.

A motorist went for help, going to the farm where Mrs Wilson's son and husband were working. Her son Alan told the court: "I heard a scream-cum-yell, not a proper scream. I looked up and my

dog looked up and barked." Her husband said: "I saw a woman lying on the verge. I recognised it was my wife, even though I could not see her face.

Police found the murder weapon by the roadside. Checks on Montegos led police to Mr Christian's home in Driffield five miles away, but he maintained that at the time of the killing he had been driving home from his job at a frozen food factory in Scarborough. The knife was said to have been used

m the food processing industry. had not discovered where it came from. Detectives said

that he could the verge. have left his job at 3pm as he It was my claimed and been at the murder scene at 3.30. In all, he was

Driffield. However, phone records showed someone had made a call from his in-laws house when they were sup-posed to be on the road with

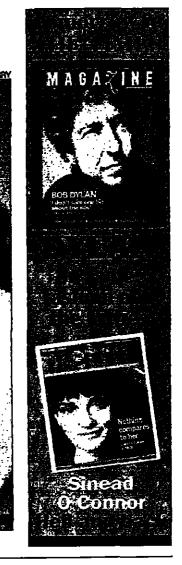
amined the fleece jacket, sweatshirt, and jogger bot-toms he was wearing on the day. Fibres matched 78 others

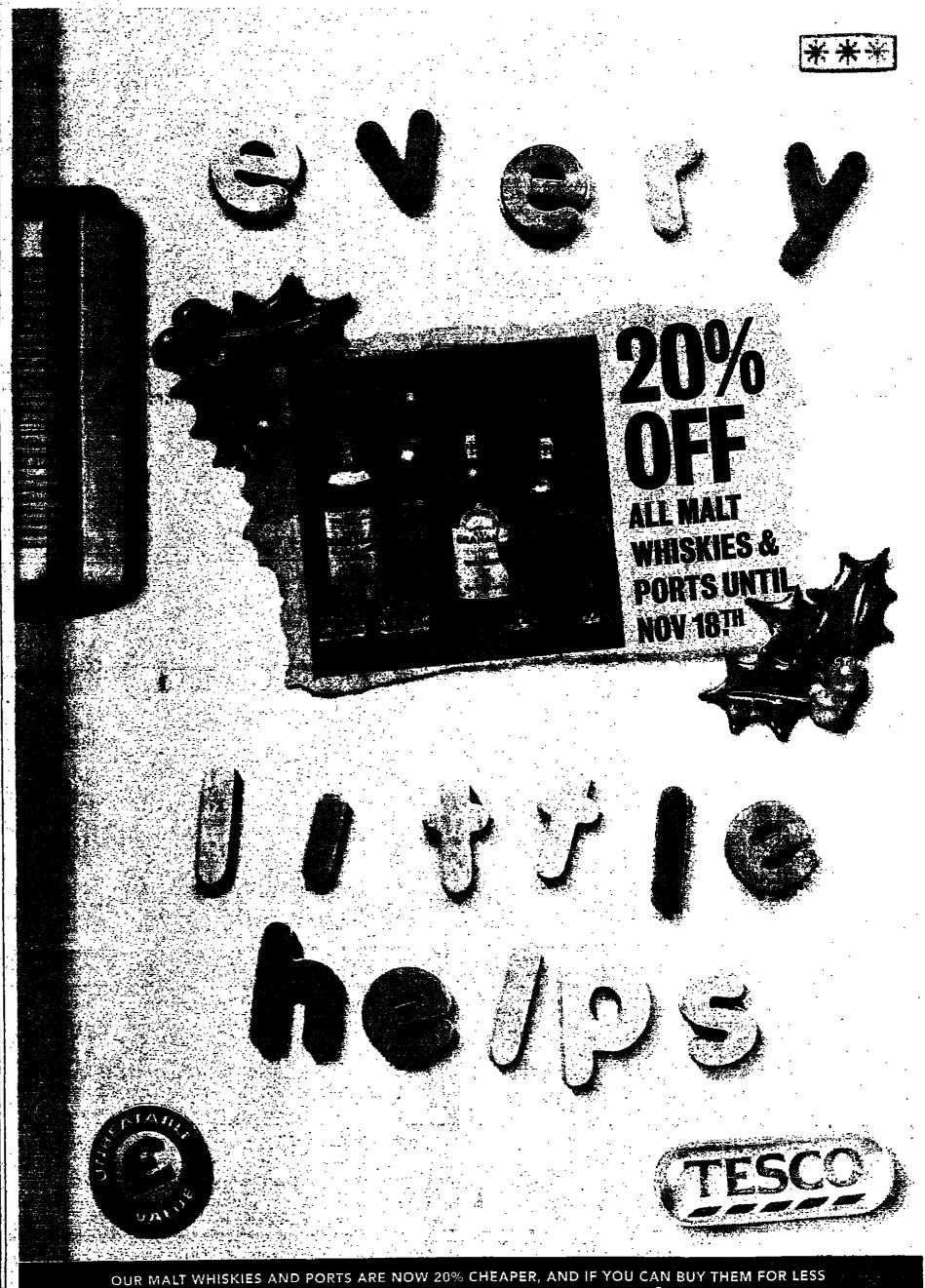
then fled, court was told. Paul Wilkinson reports found on Mrs Wilson's coat, skirt, gloves. Mr Campbell asked the jury to consider the odds against the combination of fibres from those three garments being found on dif-ferent items of Mrs Wilson's clothing. "The likelihood of it being someone else is somewhat small," he said. Further a single red-white and blue viscose fibre identical

to ones from Mrs Wilson's skirt was found tightly wrapped in a tiny ball of the fabric of his jacket. The trial continues.

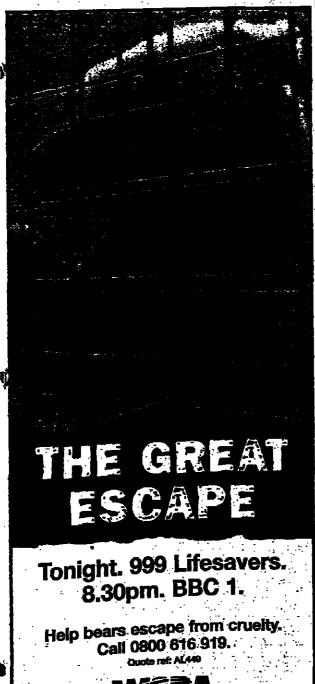


Margaret Wilson with her family: she enjoyed country walks "without any apprehension of danger"





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Millennium projects cash in on the lottery

BRIDGES spanning the Thames and the Tyne, public squares in Coventry and Leeds, and a hundred drinking fountains for people and their pets are among the 71 projects given £221 million by the Millennium Commission

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Not all will be ready by lamuary 1, 2000, but Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, insisted he was not just throwing lottery money at these hemes for the sake of it. Each of these projects promises something special and will be exciting and meaning-ful for years to come," he said yesterday. Those who pro-pased ideas for what they thought was easy money were cast aside."

The biggest award goes to the "X-Site" in Glasgow, it receives £35 million for a national science centre on a fiveacre site on the Clyde with its n millennium tower. The £7.1 million Bankside

footbridge will be London's first new Thames crossing for mere than a century. It has been designed by Sir Norman Foster, the architect, and the Chiptor Sir Anthony Caro to link St Paul's Cathedral with the new Tate Gallery. The

Latest awards range from millions

of pounds for a science park and

bridges to thousands for drinking fountains, Daniel McGrory reports

titles to 4,500 state secondary

schools and create a Web site

for young people around the world.

The troubled Moss Side

estate in Manchester, where in

recent months the drug gangs

who controlled the area have

heen tackled successfully, is to

get £1.4 million for the Youth

Powerhouse that will provide

Rotherham council receives

the biggest grant in England
— £18.6 million — to turn a
redundant steel mill into an

exhibition centre about British

industry. Hull has been given

£18.4 million for the European Maritime Institute.

ceived most money per head, nearly £50, followed by Wales,

Northern Ireland has re-

education and training.

£9.2 million bridge across the Tyne will also be a footbridge. running from the Quayside in Newcastle to Gateshead.

The tower and cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, will be completed 400 years after it was started, thanks to E5.1 million; Bath receives E6.7 million for a new spa complex; and Wales is awarded £27 million for its Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay, a showcase for musicals, opera and dance.

More modest sums are awarded to 29 village halls. 100 rural churches and community centres. There is also a £172,000 grant for a nationwide chain of drinking foun-tains, including four "millennium fountains", for people and their pets.

A handout of £4 million to

Scotland and East Anglia. The East Midlands and the South the Everyman Library will East have received the least. enable it to donate 245 classic The Millennium Commis

sion has now supported 185 projects involving work on almost 200 sites with grants totalling £1,236 million. Mr Smith said there was still up to £100 million for more projects. His hope is that areas such as the East Midlands can come up with valid projects in time to meet the final deadline.

Erik Sorensen, chief executive of the commission, said the fact that some projects would not be open by January 2000, was not a failing Most projects will be ready by December 31, 1999. Other projects will come through in year 2000. If we tried to open all the projects by January 1, the logistical exercise would be overwhelming for the construction industry and for everyone as a whole. We have got to be sensible and that is why we are having a rolling programme of comple-

He and Mr Smith said they were confident all the projects could meet their promised private funding. Mr Smith. who is chairman of the commission, said: 'They will all act as milestones of achieve-ment at the end of the millennium and markers aspiration into the next.



Bath is to receive £6.7 million to update patients' treatment at a new spa complex

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Award for Wales arts centre risks hostility

THE Millennium Commis sion has courted renewed controversy by offering a £27 million grant to the National Arts Centre for Wales, a successor project to the re-jected Cardiff Bay Opera House designed by Zaha

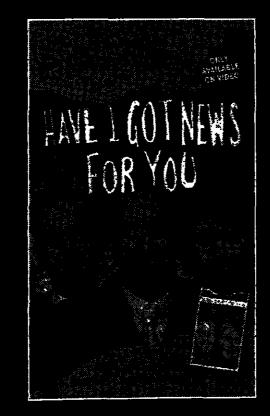
The architectural world will be angered that a much less adventurous design has centre, designed by South Wales architects Percy Thomas Partnership, begins early next year and should finish

The Wales Millennium Centre, which will cost £86 million, will house the Welsh National Opera, a giant-screen cinema and an industrial and maritime museum. It will also stage West

End musicals. Most of the new grants reflect the Government's reaction against grand projects in favour of smaller schemes. But the big names in British architecture are taking most of the larger grants - Sir Norman Foster for the new Thames bridge at Bankside and Nicholas Grimshaw's new spa centre

The biggest surprise is the offer of a grant for an imposing new Gothic tower to complete the unfinished cathedral at Bury St Edmunds, designed by Hugh Matthew. The project had little chance of funding until there was a surge of support after Matthew's design was published in The Times. It shows a mastery of Gothic detail and proportion not seen since the early years of

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Michael Heseltine, attacked handling of the project

Heseltine attacks Blair for causing delays on dome

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

criticised Tony Blair's pre-election handling of the Millennium Dome project yesterday, accusing him of causing pointless delays through "macho politics".

The former Deputy Prime Minister, who is a Millennium Commissioner, said there was no leeway for further setbacks. There is a critical path and we're on it," he said. Mr Heseltine, who superintended the early stages of the project in Greenwich when in government, told the Commons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee that mistakes had probably been made in the original planning

of the dome. He also admitted that the public had not been "sold" the dea of the dome properly but claimed that that was impossi-ble. "If you take 300 acres on the banks of the Thames and put a tube station in the reiddle of it, it will take off. But don't ask me if Marks & Spencer will have a store there because I don't know."

Keith Bales, who helped to develop Walt Disney World

MICHAEL HESELTINE and the Houston Space Centre, told the committee that the main problem was the "lack of information about what is to be included within the structure." He added: "It should be a priority to finalise this and to launch a PR campaign to start educating businesses and the public

about the project".

Mr Heseltine told the committee: "Before the election, my role was played by Michael Montague. He knew

everything about the project.
The moment the heat came on, he was swept aside effectively by Tony Blair and his colleagues, who in my view sought to make political macho politics of their determination to fix budgets."

Lord Montague denied Mr Heseltine's claims last night. He said: "Mr Heseltine is entitled to his interpretation. But I engaged in very close liaison continuously with then Shadow Heritage Secretary Jack Cunningham, and he was in contact with the leader's office, so to argue there was any division between us is completely untrue."

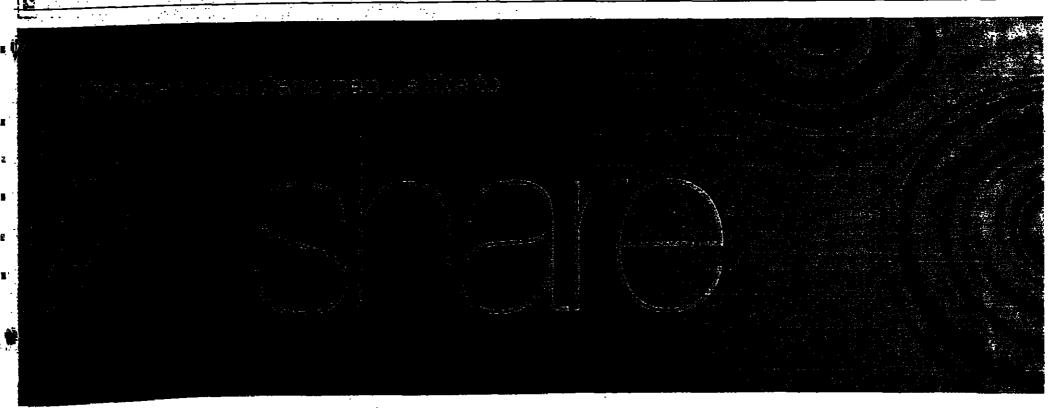
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Minister wants state-educated army officers

THE Army should recruit more potential officers from state schools to avoid the accusation of preserving a privileged elite, George Robertson said yesterday.

The Defence Secretary said he was concerned that while four out of five Royal Navy and RAF officer recruits went to state schools, only half of all army officer recruits did so. The Army officer corps must be seen to be a classless organisation — a goal which, he said, had the full support of army chiefs.

Mr Robertson's comment were made during a speech at the Fabian Society. Three months ago the society pub-lished a pamphlet written by Major Eric Joyce, a serving officer who accused the Army of being class-ridden and run by a "posh" public schooleducated elite. Major Joyce did not seek official authorisation for publishing his views and was suspended. Although he faced possible court martial, army chiefs decided to give him another chance, provided he stopped speaking to the media and gave a commitment that he would seek permission for any future publication. He is attached to the Adjutant-Gener-

al's Corps.
Although Mr Robertson's



Joyce: accused Army of being class-ridden

remarks about the Army appeared to support Major Joyce's argument about class divisions, sources close to the Minister emphasised that he was making a different point. One said: "This is not George Robertson backing Jayce. He is not accusing the Army of being class-ridden. The point he is making is that he wants the Army to use the talents of people from every background and that more needs to be done to get officer recruits with a state-education background."

The source added: "He is not accusing the Army of they come from public

In his speech to the Fabian Society, Mr Robertson said: "I am personally committed to ensuring that access to the Armed Forces, and promotion thereafter, is based on merit rather than determined by social class."

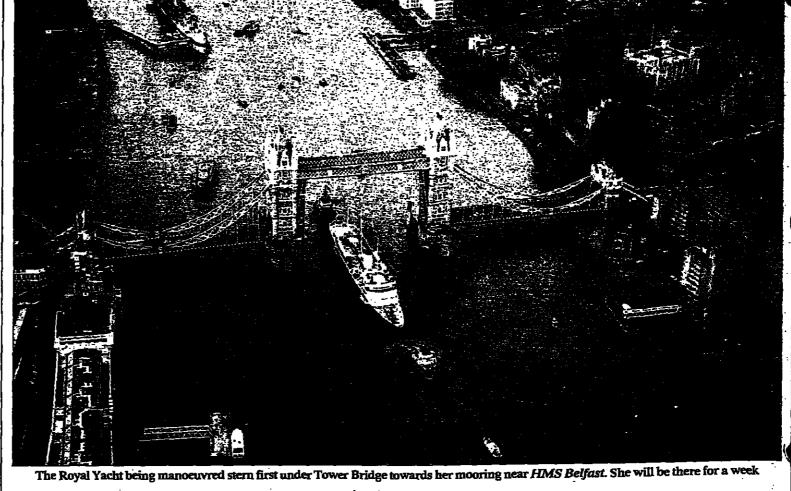
He said he was concerned that the Army had failed to match the Royal Navy amd RAF. The real problem was not as some people have suggested" - a reference to Major Joyce - that officers from state schools were failing to rise through the ranks. "rather that we have in the past failed collectively to har-ness the talents of such a large pool of potential recruits". He added: "We must harness the talents of all our people, not

just a privileged few."

He said he would be examining ways in which the Army could target state schools more effectively. Local councils and volved, he said, in thinking up new ideas.

Mr Robertson also an-

nounced yesterday a new part-nership between the Ministry of Defence and industry to remove cost overruns and time delays from equipment



Britannia makes her London swan-song

in the Port of London yesterday for her last visit under the White Ensign before being decommissioned in Portsmouth next month (Michael

Emerging beneath the raised Tower Bridge to moor close to HMS Belfast, the Royal Yacht was accompanied by HMS Manchester, a Type 42 destroyer, and a flotilia of small

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Thousands of people lined both sides of the river to watch Britan-nia's stately, three-hour journey from Gravesend in Kent to Tower Bridge. The yacht's Royal Marine Band played as the crowds cheered and waved Union Jacks at the end of

The Royal Yacht will leave for

royal duties and will be decommisioned on December II at a ceremony attended by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

Commodore Anthony Morrow, who has commanded Britannia for 2½ years, said yesterday he hoped that the yacht would have a dignified end. "It must be quite clear what we

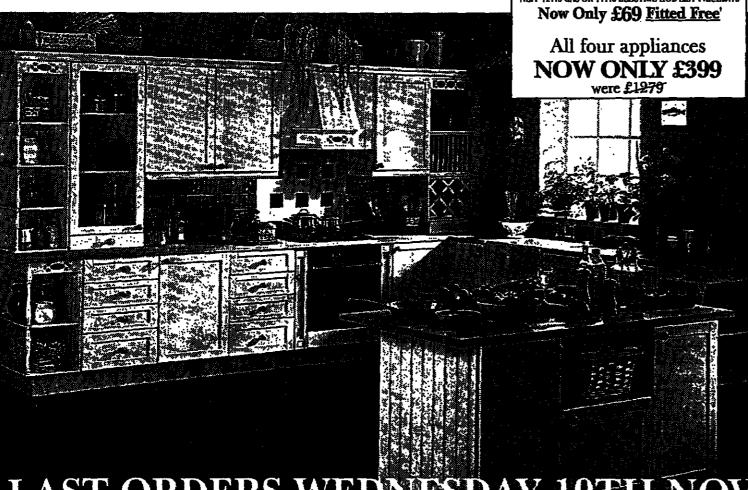
ship and say she will go to place A or B and be beautiful for the rest of her life. It needs work."

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, is due to announce soon a decision on Britannia's future. Among the options are for the yacht to be docked at Govan in Glasgow, near where she was built on the Clyde, or for her to be moored at Greenwich for the Millennium.

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Young motor racing fans likely to smoke *

BOYS are twice as likely to become regular smokers if they are motor racing fans, a report published today

The link, which will fuel the row over tobacco sponsor-ship, has been made by a team of Cancer Research Campaign scientists led by Anne Chariton University.

The survey, published in country, aged 12 to 13. They were asked which sports they most enjoyed on television, whether they smoked and if so how much. The boys were interviewed again a year later. The study found that of those non-smoking boys who named motor racing as their favourite televised sport, 12.8 per cent had become regular smokers. This compared with

7 per cent taking up smoking among boys who did not like

motor racing. Professor Charlton said: There are Professor about 626,400 boys aged 12 to 13 in the UK and, based on the findings, about 72,764 or 12 per cent of these might be motor racing fans. Of these, 9,314 could be expected to take up smoking, nearly double the amount of boys who do not

follow the sport." The study also confirmed

Donation row

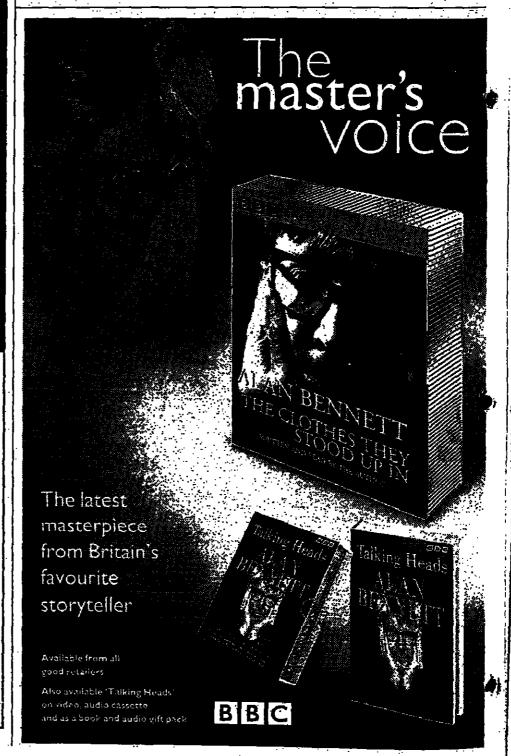
research published six years ago by a tearn at Strathclyde University showing that young children linked brands such as Marlboro and Camel with "excitment and fast cars".

Professor Charlton said: Any ban on tobacco advertising must include sponsored sport because of the huge number of young boys being

put at risk. Gordon McVie, DirectorGeneral of the Cancer Research Campaign, said the Government's decision to ex-clude Formula One from the proposed tobacco sponsorship ban was dangerous. "This is damning evidence that tobacco sponsorship encourages young boys to take up smoking, and encourages brand In an editorial, The Lancet

also attacks the Government over its U-turn on tobacco "In the days of a Conservative Government both [Fragel Dobson, Health Secretary and Tessa Jowell, Health Minister] might have demanded resignations in circumstances such as this."

"An opportunity to deliver the tobacco industry an important blow has passed. With such a dangerous drug as tobacco, the Labour Government should have simply said



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Armed police go on patrol in new 'murder capital'

BY ADAM FRESCO AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE yesterday launched a 24-hour armed patrol after 53 killings this year made a small area of London a few miles from the West End the new murder capital of Britain.

The decision came after two deaths within 26 hours this week in northwest London, where the number of murders is higher than in Manchester, Glasgow and Merseyside. The violence - concentrated in the triangle of Kilburn, Harlesden and Willesden - has intensified as rival drug gangs fight

Scotland Yard is basing an armed response vehicle in Kilburn staffed by officers with revolvers and Heckler and Koch carbines. The threeman crew will wear their revolvers on their hips.

Police on the beat in northwest London — an area covering Camden, Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Barnet, Islington began wearing heavy-duty body armour. Kilburn alone has 91 reports of firearms being seen and 24 incidents where guns have been fired this year. Fifteen people have been killed or wounded.

The drugs feud began in April when Mark Spence, 31, was shot in a Caribbean takeaway and two other men were wounded. Since then there have been two more killings and up to four more in other parts of London.

People in the area will talk about the shootings but are afraid to give their names. One man, who is trying to get children off the streets and interested in sport, said: There is a struggle for turf at the moment. I was on the street on the night of the last shooting, and I was petrified for the simple reason that I could have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. There was a terrible feeling of dread

many weapons these gangs coming involved while play-ing truant from school because they see these drug peddlers with nice cars and lots of jewellery, and they are

The Rev Ian Booth, 33, the vicar of Willesden, said people were scared to walk the streets in his area. There is a fear among the local people, and they want to get out of the area. The drug culture is now right on our doorstep, as recent events have shown."

John Duffy, a Brent council-lor, said: "We can deal with street crime, but not gangland killings. Six months ago, if you were out and a door slammed, you would not probably have registered it. But now you would probably stand still for a few seconds waiting to see if it was a gunshot, and what



A delighted Lisa Potts with her medal, her seventeenth award for bravery

Day of emotion for heroine and Diana's rock

By A STAFF REPORTER

AFTER 21 years of royal service. Paul Burrell almost lost his butler's composure at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The man who was called "My Rock" by Diana, Princess of Wales, blinked back tears after the Queen pre-sented him with a special

His silver Royal Victorian Medal was announced in the Birthday Honours II weeks before the death of the Princess. After the presenta tion, he said that the Queen told him: "I can't tell you how happy I am to give this to you. Thank you for everything you have done."

Earlier Mr Burrell, 39, found himself giving rock-like support to Lisa Potts, the Wolverhampton nursery nurse who was receiving the George Medal for shielding children from a machete attacker. It was her seventeenth award for bravery. but her nerves needed calming as they waited for the



Burrell: lent support

ceremony. Miss Potts, 22, said: "I thought I was going to cry. He was very sweet, telling me to take in all the view as we walked through." Mr Burrell met Diana,

Princess of Wales, when he was a footman at Balmoral. He was butler at Highgrove and at Kensington Palace. Married with two children. he is undecided about his future, while continuing to sort out the Princess's belongings at Kensington.

DAEWOO

TV investigator retires blaming stress of assault

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

ROGER COOK, television's most intrepid investigator, is retiring from his programme blaming the strain of being assaulted more than 20 times.

Cook, 54, who has presented ITV's The Cook Report for 12 years, will step down at the end of this series. As well as being beaten up by his disgruntled quarry, he has had a gun pointed at him four times during his 30-year career.

His agent, Jon Roseman, said: "Roger has really taken a battering over the last ten years and there had to come a



Cook: has been beaten more than 20 times

over 650,000 copies.

time when he stopped doing it." Steve Clark, controller of programmes at Carlton Television, said: "He has been doing this job [investigative reporter] for 25 years now. In that time there is not one part of his body that hasn't been injured."

Cook who was born in Sydney, Australia, made his name exposing conmen rang-ing from car thieves to people involved in Bosnian war crimes. He has been forced to keep his home address a

He came to Britain in 1968 reporting for Radio 4's The World At One and presented Checkpoint, later moving into television-In May this year he set up an investigation involv-ing Debbie Currie, the daughter of Edwina Currie, the former Tory junior minister, who had pretended to be aunching a singing career. He used her to show how easily pop records could be hyped into the charts.

Cook's replacement could be Donal McIntyre, an awardwinning World In Action investigative journalist, who has been in talks with ITV executives about his own network





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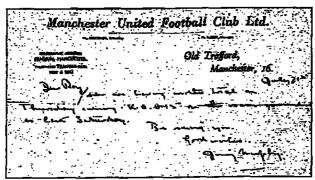
Teenage star waited 40 years for United's call

ROY SUTCLIFFE thought be had played pretty well in a trial for Manchester United when, as a teenager, he tried out for the Busby Babes in the summer of 1950.

For weeks he waited for the oostman to deliver the summons to Old Trafford that could have meant a glorious career alongside United stars such as Bobby Charlton and Wilf McGuinness.

Mr Sutcliffe, an old fashioned winger in the Man-chester Federation Lads League, spent more than 40 years believing he had failed to make the grade. It was only shortly before his mother died three years ago that he discovered he could have been a contender for the No II shirt after all.

Mabel Sutdiffe told him she had a letter for him. It was from Jimmy Murphy. Sir Matt Busby's talent scout, asking him to go back so that they could have another look



The letter Mr Sutcliffe missed from Manchester Utd

been spotted by United's scouts. "The trial lasted about

20 or 30 minutes and as I

came off the pitch, Bert Whalley, the coach at the

gotten to give it to him. Mr Sutcliffe, now 63, said: "I opened it up and suddenly realised what had happened . letterbead and was hand written. It read: "Dear Roy, We are having another trial on Thursday evening, K.O. 6.15 on the same ground as lastto my big chance. It must have Saturday. Be seeing you. Good wishes. Jimmy come while I was out and my mum just put it in a drawer or Mr Sutcliffe's talents had

"I was a little upset at first. I was annoyed when I thought about what might have been. But she may inadvertently have saved my life. I could have been involved in the Munich air disaster."

time, turned to me and said, The letter carried Well done son, you did all Manchester United FC Ltd

surprised when I didn't hear from them again. I just got with my job." He concentrated on a career at British Aerospace and played for the non-league club Glossop FC until he retired at 30.

Mr Sutcliffe said he could not feel bitter about what cappened or speculate on his ther's motives. "It's such a long time ago. It's not some thing I curse my mother for. I was only a kid at the time, just a little bit older than Sir Bobby Charlton. When Wilf McGuinness

Sir Matt's chosen success as United manager, heard about Mr Sutcliffe's story, he home in Higher Blackley, ball with him and the two popped into the garden for a kickabout. "It was wonderful meeting Wilf," Mr Sutcliffe said. "A place at United might have led to all sorts of realised that what has to be



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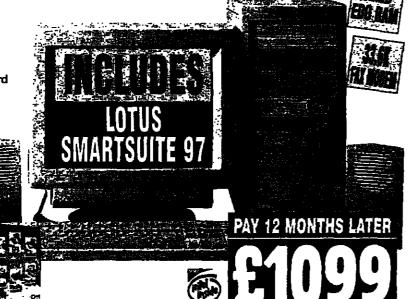
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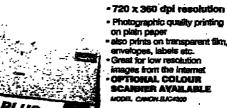
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Drivers given last chance on using phones

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

final warning to stop using mobile telephones at the wheel before the Government drafts legislation to ban a practice that can cost lives.

The new Highway Code, available next year, will spell out the dangers of using a hand-held telephone and warn against being distracted by a hands-free set.

Baroness Hayman, the Minister for Road Safety, said that police had the power to charge motorists whose driving was affected by using a telephone, under existing offences such as careless or

dangerous driving. But she issued a warning lane to your lethat specific legislation would to do so follow if motorists refused to comply with the Highway

Code. Lady Hayman said: "We do not rule out the possibility of legislation. We have a legislative framework in place now and I am reassured by police that it is enough. But we need more public compliance and

"Nobody is saying that you should not have a mobile phone in the car. It is how and when you use it that is important. If you use a hand-

hetter enforcement.

DRIVERS have been given a held telephone while you are driving, you are not in control of your vehicle and that is an offence now. But drivers must recognise this new warning and act on it." The new code will also act to

get rid of the irritants that can push motorists to the brink of "road rage". Drivers who are addicted to staying in the middle lane of the motorway are given specific advice to "drive in the left-hand lane, even at 70mph, if the road ahead is clear.

"If you are not in the lefthand lane and your speed is such that you are delaying traffic behind you, move into a lane to your left when it is safe

traffic should merge at roadworks is also tackled in the updated guidance. At lane restrictions, traffic should "fill all approach lanes", the new code says, "and merge alternately at the lane restriction".

Motorists who are confused by headlamp flashing will be given clear guidance, which is that lights should be flashed only as a warning to other motorists of your presence never assume that it is a signal it is safe to proceed.

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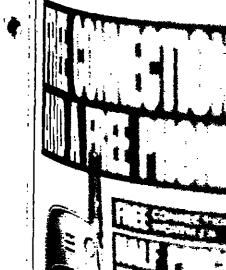
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HE WAS the first hero with designer stubble, he quit smoking and cow pies to keep

up with health trends, and he

was last seen sailing into the

sunset with the Spice Girls.

But yesterday Desperate Dan was said to have been dumped

because he is out of fashion.

In what may be the biggest

publicity stunt by a comic since Superman was reported dead, the publishers of The

Dandy announced that they

were looking for a replace-

ment with "street cred" to

replace the bristle-chinned cowpoke whose enormous ap-

petite and strength has provided storylines for 60 years. This

Saturday he will be missing

from its pages for the first time

he may make guest appearances in the future, or may

even return if public demand is overwhelming. By sheer

coincidence, a commemora-tive book, The Legend of Desperate Dan, is being pub-

lished to mark the sixtieth

At the height of The Dan-

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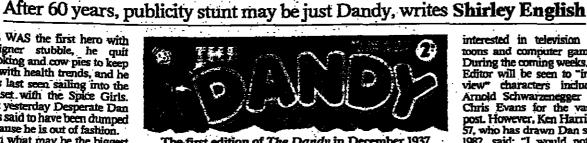
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The first edition of The Dandy in December 1937

Comic banishes Dan

in act of desperation

Heggie, Dandy editor for the past 13 years, is the prime mover behind Dan's demise to freshen up" the comic's image. He said: There was resistance and it will be interesting to see what happens. It is important when the comic is 60 years old that it keeps looking as modern as the medium will allow."

since December 1937.
It was hinted, however, that The change was broken to readers in a three-week storyline in which Dan went on a bungle jump, hit the ground with his chin and cracked open an oil well. He became fabulously wealthy and decided to quit to enjoy his new life of hurary. In the final scene, he sailed away on a yacht with the Spice Girls on board to serenade him, and the Dandy Editor pleading with him to change his mind.

Desperate Dan and Korky the Cat are the only characters to have appeared in every edition of The Dandy. He was created by the late artist Dudley D. Watkins, of The Broons and Oor Wullie fame, in collaboration with Albert Barnes, the first Dandy Editor, whose prominent chin and large appetite were the starting point for the

Initially he was a desperado, always in trouble with the sheriff of Cactusville, a surreal combination of Texas and Britain. The famous horned cowpies, baked on a dustbin lid, made their debut in 1939 with the arrival of Dan's longsuffering Aunt Aggie.

During the war years, Dan sank U-boats and shot down

enemy planes with a pea shooter, and was made an honorary member of the Korean War Veterans' Society. He cleaned his teeth with a power drill and drank Owl Hoot Juice, but in the 1980s he was forced to give up smoking, and last March he was banned from eating cow pies because of the BSE scare, turning to

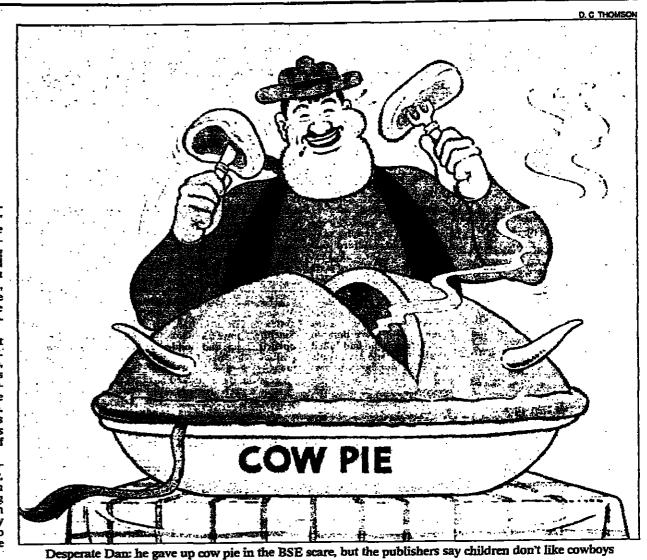
cooked by Aunt Aggie.

David Donaldson, managing editor of the Scottish publishers D.C. Thomson, said: "We have tried our best to make Dan move with the times, but children simply aren't interested in cowboys any more. They are more

toons and computer games." During the coming weeks, the Editor will be seen to "interview" characters including Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chris Evans for the vacant post. However, Ken Harrison, 57, who has drawn Dan since 1982, said: "I would not be surprised if he made a comeback by popular demand.

There were signs of the first stirrings of protest last night. Mervyn Rolfe, said: "This is desperate news. We understand the old boy may have been getting a bit saddle sore. but to retire him before he is even eligible for a bus pass smacks of the worst excesses of fish, bean and veggie versions

Fred Morrison, a osychologist at Abertay University. said: "Dan has played an important role in helping children to grow up. Children are naturally violent, and by reading Dan they were able to defuse some of that violence



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£100,000 research tackles cat allergy

By TIM JONES

PEOPLE who suffer allergi reactions to their cats may soon be able to live in healthy harmony with their pets. The British Allergy Foundation is funding a £100,000 research programme to develop a spray to stop cats depositing skin particles all over the home.

Although cats that curl up so comfortably on their owners' laps are very fussy about personal hygiene, they cause misery to an estimated five million people through their

particles. Usually, the allergy is tolerable but some people endure constant hayfever-like symptoms. According to Robert Davies, president of the foundation in extreme cases reaction can be severe enough to cause death.

The research programme sponsored by the father of a girl who suffers badly from allergic reaction, is being con-ducted by the healthcare unit of Southampton University.



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Models seem skinny 'because they're tall'

No cause for alarm over their health, says survey. Nick Nuttall reports

THE popular belief that supermodels are unnaturally and unhealthily thin is a myth, scientists say.

British psychologists who surveyed 300 models said yesterday that, far from being too skinny, most models are curvaceous and have classic hour-glass figures.

The only real difference is that they are a few inches taller," said Martin Tovee, a lecturer in psychology at the University of Newcastle who specialises in eating disorders and body shape.

While their statistics indicate that models are underweight compared with shorter and heavier "normal" women. Dr Tovee said: "Supermodels are on average lighter than women of a comparable age. Several reasearchers and

experts have accused the fashion industry of promoting an almost anorexic look on the that these allegedly unnaturally thin models are contributing to eating disorders in girls.

But Dr Tovee said that one or two supermodels, such as Kate Moss and Jodie Kidd. had tarnished all models with a super-thin reputation. "We now have some hard data."

The survey, part of which is

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within 7 days of purchase. The product must be new, complain and



Super-thin Kate Moss, left, and Jodie Kidd, said to tarnish the reputation of all supermodels

including Sophie Anderton and Eva Herzigova, whose vital statistics are published by their agencies.

with 300 pin-ups from Playboy magazine, 300 university stu-dents classed as "normal" women, 30 bulimic women

and 30 anorexics. An average supermodel is 5ft 8in; weighs 8st 4lb; has a 34.7in bust; 25in waist and similar but shorter at 5ft 5in. "Normal" women, based on

The study found that supermodels and pin-ups both tend to have such a ratio. They also tend to have hourglass figures as shown by the bust-hip ratio," he said.

4in, weigh 9st 11b; have a 35in bust; 28.1in waist and 38in

hips. The average anorexic is

5ft 4in, weighs 6st 3lb; has a

30.57in bust: 24in waist and

The findings, used to make calculations of features such

as the waist-hip ratio and

bust-hip ratio, show that

supermodels and pin-ups are

"Men are supposed to find a

waist-hip ratio of 0.7 the most

attracting the opposite sex.

31.68in hips.

The reason why supermodels appear thinner than the norm is their height. which, on average, is three to four inches more, he said.

into the male brain and sig-

Dr Tovee said.

They look less curvy in the same way that a tall hourglass looks less curvy than a short one. It is because the degree of change of the angle is less over a given distance,"

Dr Tovee said. He said the findings had important implications for eople who pursue diets to try to look like a supermodel or a Vogue cover-girl. "The anorexic has a tubular rather than a curvy shape." Dr Tovee said. So if you diet too hard, you are really ruining, rather than enhancing, your attrac-

"A study in 1980 showed that women were becoming less curvaceous. But our data shows that their shapes have not changed for between ten and 15 years. They have reached a plateau that, one



Fashion model Sophie Anderton's vital statistics were included in the survey

IN BRIEF Research saves student from jail

A student was spared from a jail sentence for supplying friends with Ecstasy because of the potential benefits of his research into a drug to relieve

Judge Denis Clark told Neil Andrew: "I'm not prepared to disrupt that work. I think it would be advantageous to the gener-al public that you should continue to make progress on that project."

Andrew, 23, of Man-

chester, was given a suspool Crown Court after admitting two charges of supplying drugs.

Birth risk

Children conceived by a new technique in which sperm is injected into an ovum are twice as likely to have major birth defects than those conceived normally, according to Australian research.

Van Gogh to go

A Van Gogh drawing. Harvest in Provence, bought at Sotheby's for almost £9 million, is to be given an export licence because no British institution has matched the purchase price.

Cancer finding Researchers have discovered that a cancer cell's lies on its surface. They be-

Star Trek

actor puts

Othello

in reverse

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

PATRICK STEWART, the

British actor released from

duty at the bridge of the Starship Enterprise, is to

play Othello in an American

production in which the Moor will be a white man at a

black Venetian court. :: 4:: 4:: Stewart, 57, known to Star

Trek fans as Captain Jean-Luc Picard, has always want-

ed to play the part but in

recent years actors "blacking

up" for the part has been

frowned upon, and few white

actors now tackle one of the

A former member of the

Royal Shakespeare Com-

pany, he thought of reversing

the racial lines of Othello several years ago but could

not find a willing theatre

company until he ap-proached the Shakespeare

Theater in Washington. The

production, which is sold out.

opens next week.

great Shakespearean roles.

lieve the finding will mean new drugs will be able to attack the cells without damaging normal ones. Clean-up order

Cambridge University has been issued with an Environment Agency enforcement notice after an unauthorised radioactive

biochemistry department. Injury payout.

material, americium, was found at the university's

A man whose gullet was caustic soda from a lemonade bottle is to be paid £170,000 compensation by insurers. Lee Ellison, 27, from Stockport, has to be fed through a tube.

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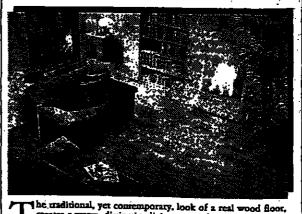
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Blair knew about offer of second gift

Philip Webster outlines the events that led to the Prime Minister's

most difficult period in office so far

TONY BLAIR knew when he met Bernie Ecclestone on October 16 that the Formula One chief had offered Labour a second big donation, it was confirmed yesterday.

The disclosure by The Times yesterday that there had been an offer of another gift on top of the £1 million handed over in January was the latest example of how information has dripped into the public domain in a saga that has brought great embar-rassment on the Government.

Labour's famed publicity machine has come unstuck over the past few days. Usually so adept at timing its own announcements, this week it has found itself constantly reacting to events and disclosures made from outside its

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It took a long time to confirm that Mr Ecclestone had made a donation; it only confirmed that the figure was El million after The Times suggested an even higher figure on Tuesday morning; and then it only confirmed the second offer after The Times uncovered the letter to Labour from Sir Patrick Neill, the standards watchdog, in which he referred to a "second proposed donation".

A detailed timetable of the events that have led to Mr Blair's worst few days since winning the election suggests why the knowledge that Mr Ecclestone had suggested giving more money would have been embarrassing for the Prime Minister at that fateful encounter on October 16.

Only two days before, Frank Dobson, his Health Secretary, the man who had announced the tobacco sponsorship ban, had minuted Mr Blair propos-

The argument inside the Government was shifting in favour of Formula One: indeed motor industry sources have disclosed to The Times that Mr Ecclestone and Max Mosley, president of the Fed-International de eration l'Automobile, sensed at that meeting that the battle was close to being won.

It was not surprising, there-fore, that the second offer. made in the early summer, raised questions of a conflict of interest and was not accepted for the time being.
 Ironically, when Tom Saw-

yer. Labour's general secre-tary, wrote to Sir Patrick last Friday, as media interest in the possibility of an Ecclestone donation became intense, it appeared that his only real concern was the second offer. It turned out to be probably the most expensive letter ever sent by a political party.

Labour felt that the £1 mil-

lion donation came into a different category because it was made before the election. Sir Patrick's advice hit Labour like a bombshell -- no one had expected that they would have to pay back the £1 million. Sir Patrick had not been told the amount, and has since said he suspected it was between £50,000 and £100,000.

Mr Blair has been in particular trouble this week because of the impression that he virtually single-handed overruled the health department. The decision timetable suggests that that is not so. The key dates are as follows.

January: Bernie Ecclestone donates film to Labour.

TOM SAWYER'S REQUEST FOR ADVICE

sponsorship completely Europe-wide from Formada 1 would result in Britain losing its Grand Prix and the race

its Grand Prix and the race going elsewhere; and if there was a total ban in Europe then Europe could be vacated as a venue and the races moved to Asia where a number of countries are pressing strongly to host such races . . . Exemptions for Formula 1 are commonplace in other countries for these reasons. . . . On this basis we decided we had to ensure that whilst holding to the general policy of a ben we could not agree — along with several other member States — to a ban on Formula 1. We therefore, in line with the others, proposed

line with the others, proposed that the Directive should ex-

empt Formula 1.
These decisions were not,

of course, in any way in-fluenced by Mr Ecclestone's

contribution some months be-

fore. . . . Mr Ecclestone has, since the election, offered a further donation. The Prime Minister has decided that in

DEAR SIR PATRICK

After discussion with the Prime Minister, I am writing to seek your urgent advice on a matter of interest to us, and we believe, the public interest

The Labour Party accepted a substantial donation in January this year from Bernie Ecclestone (Vice-President of the FIA), for the general election campaign. . this will be listed in our 1997 accounts to be presented to the conference in October 1998, if was made clear to Mr. it was made clear to Mr Ecclesione at the time of his gift that no donation could or

gitt mat no donation collid or would be accepted if the donor had any expectation of influence over policy and no policies could be changed as a result of any such donation. Nor did Mr Ecclestone make

Nor did Mr Ecclestone make any such suggestion.

In the manifesto, the Labour Party said it would ben to-bacco advertising. Though fimited to advertising, this was generally understood to cover at least some aspects of a soonsorship. The Government an-

nounced through its Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, on 19 May that we wanted a compiete ban on sports advert-ising and sponsorship, though we recognised the need to protect the future of sport. This could be achieved by national policies similar to the election, the Government also became involved in dis-cussions with other European countries about the possibility of an Elimida disattles have of an EU-wide directive ban-ning or limiting such advertis-ing and sponsorship.

After careful consideration

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nounces intention on tobacco June 5: Tessa Jowell, the sponsorship ban to Royal health minister, attends meet-College of Nursing but adds ing of European health minthe Government does not sters to signal support for directive but raises "practical problems" over sports May 29: Mr Dobson minuted Mr Blair seeking agreesponsorship.

July 17: Mr Dobson sent minute to the Prime Minister on strategy for the directive. He says that the Government broadly supportive but oppossible appearance of a conflict of interest we should consult you on whether it may properly be accepted. The position which we have adopted thus further donation, but we wish to be advised whether this is a position, which we need to maintain. This approach distinguished between a pre-election donation which, of course, was not a factor in the Government's a factor in the Government's decision . . . and the receipt of post election donations where an appearance of a conflict of interest might be thought to arise.

However, clearly, the case However, clearly, the case raises difficult questions. The gift or offer of it did not and could not influence our approach to the EU Directive. But to what extent are we unable to receive gifts, as a party, from people in business whose business may at any point come across the desk of government? In truth, most businesses are involved with government in some degree government in some degree

 a) can we carry on as a party to accept a gift from business, provided there is no question of any agreement, explicit or implicit, of favours by govern-ment, and b) when subsequently a busi-

ness that has made a gift comes into contact with Government, what should, if anything, happen to the original

It seems to us that this is a crucial set of issues... I look forward to hearing from you. We are happy to abide by whatever ruling you give.

TOM SAWYER GENERAL SECRETARY

tions would be kept open on

July/August: Labour fundraisers meet Mr Ecclestone's officials to discuss future donations.

September 23: Ms Jowell meets Mr Mosley. September 28: Chancellor Kohl meets Formula One bosses.

minutes Mr Blair with his assessment of the directive. He

says it might be necessary to have a longer transitional period for Formula One. October 16: Mr Blair meets Mr Ecclestone and Mr Mosley.

October 20: Mr Blair meets Chancellor Kohl, who raises concern about the directive.

SIR PATRICK NEILL'S REPLY

DEAR MR SAWYER

Thank you for your letter of 7 November. You asked for urgent advice.

My committee has not yet received the precise terms of the received the precise terms of the precise of a second committee.

its remit in respect of party funding, and I do not think it would be sensible for me, in advance of that remit or our study, to endeavour to for-mulate the sort of general principles about the receipt or refusal of donations which you seek . . . I can assure you that we will address these

i have however considered the particular donation and the prospective the particular consider and the prospective donation carefully in the light of the principles which the Committee has already published m previous reports. I have also consulted the Code of Conduct and Guidance on Procedures for Ministers (Cabinet Office, July 1997). One principle which emerges clearly from the reports and the code is that the

from the code is that the conduct of those in public positions must be judged not only by the sense runs.

the appearance.
In addition this committee
has established seven principles of public life. Two of
them, integrity and openness,
appear to me to be relevant in
the present context. I quote:
INTEGRITY

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individ-uats or. organisations that might seek to influence them OPENNESS

Holders of public office



about all the deck actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict infor-

In the light of these principles it seem clear to me that you are right to declare the first donation from Mr Ecclestone. I understand that your normal procedures would normal procedures would cause you to list this donation presented to the annual con-terence in October 1998. I do not, however, believe that in the present circumstances it the present circumstances it would be right to delay announcing this donation until October 1998. Questions are already being publicly asked about this gift, and delay in announcing it could carry the implication, which you would be the first to reputdate, that receive of the cift was in some receipt of the gift was in some way questionable.

As the committee said in its first report, whatever the true picture, "much of the public anxiety about standards of

utes Mr Blair, Foreign Office,

the Cabinet Office, Culture

Department and the British

ambassador in Brussels with

the options for tackling the

circulated to ministers a

draft letter to European minis-

ters setting out the approach of

Formula One problem.

October 31: Ms Jowell

exempting Formula One.

conduct in public life is based on perceptions and beliefs
... The erosion of public confidence in the holders of public office is a serious matter." It is my view that you should announce the donation as swiftly as nosable. as swiftly as possible . . .

As to the second proposed donation, you tell me that you have until now refused to accept it. You wish to be advised whether that is a pos-tion which you need to main-tain. My advice is that it is. Your question (b) at the top of page 4 of your letter, when applied in relation to the first

donation, raises the issue as to whether this donation can be retained or should be returned. This I regard as as a more difficult question and one on which I would have welcomed the views of the committee. My own opinion is that, while no criticism can fairly be made of the receipt of the first donation, in the light of the way in which government policy has developed, ministers could well conclude that, in the special circumstances of this case, their freedom of action would be, and would be seen to be, enhanced, if the donation were to be returned.

It is not clear to me whether you wish this advice to be made public. However, I should say that, if I am asked, in line with my committee's principle of openness, I would want to confirm that I have submitted this advice.

I note that you have dis-cussed this with the Prime Minister, to whom I am therefore copying this letter.

> Yours sincerely SIR PATRICK NEILL QC

November 6: Mr Blair proposes that Sir Patrick Neill be consulted about the Ecclestone

November 7: Tom Sawyer.

Labour genreal secretary. writes to Sir Patrick. November 10: Labour admits it received £1 million from Mr Ecclestone. November 13: Offer of sec-

"sport will be an issue." and donation confirmed. Casual attitude has exposed Labour team's inexperience

TONY BLAIR ought to ask himself a simple question this morning. Can he imagine Clement Attlee or James Callaghan agreeing to meet a businessman like Bernie £1 million contribution to Labour and discussion about another substantial donation? Of course not. It may be very
"New Labour" to be pally al Secretary, to Sir Patrick did "New Labour" to be pally. with such colourful entrepre-

neurs rather than with union leaders, but Mr Blair has

appeared naive and gullible.

Someone in his private office should have seen the dangers and sounded the alarm. The problem is less the basic decision over Formula One, where ministers have a case, albeit a weaker one than

Prime Minister called in Sir Patrick Neill, new chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, not when Mr Blair took the decision but only several days later when Ecclesione over a highly size his staff realised last Friday sitive political issue after a afternoon that the press was afternoon that the press was investigating whether Mr Ecclestone was a big donor. The subsequent letter from not reveal the scale of Mr Ecclestone's donation. It was largely to seek approval for what Labour had done. There was no reference to any question of repaying the origi-

Sir Patrick did not oblige. He was explicit in saying that Labour should not take a further donation and said that the first should be repaid, they pretend, than the evasive even though he did know it

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

was as much as £1 million. He suspected that at might be upto £50,000.

His personal opinion was that "while no criticism can fairly be made of the receipt government policy has devel-oped, ministers could well conclude that, in the special circumstances of this case, their freedom of action would, and would be seen to be, enhanced, if the donation were to be returned". He urged that his views should be published. But Labour's media advisers not only failed to mention the possibility of the second donation, which

was discovered first by The Times, but also gave a different impression of Sir Patrick's

Tom King, a former Tory minister and member of the Neill committee, argues that the Government misused the committee by seeking advice on an issue which had not yet been studied. The Governof the first donation, in the ment not only did not provide light of the way in which Sir Patrick with the full facts but also failed to publish the correspondence until last night. However, there was no one else to consult on the propriety of the donations.

Fortunately, Sir Patrick gave sensible advice but he should not be put in such a position again. His committee should now examine the possiblity of having a freestanding ethics commissioner to advise on such cases, as opposed to the role of the Neill committee in advising of donations will help, but has been badly tarnished. It smoothness of the summer

on changes in rules. Mr Sawyer's letter raises the serious question: "To what extent are we unable to receive gifts, as a party, from people in business whose business may at any point come across the desk of Gov-

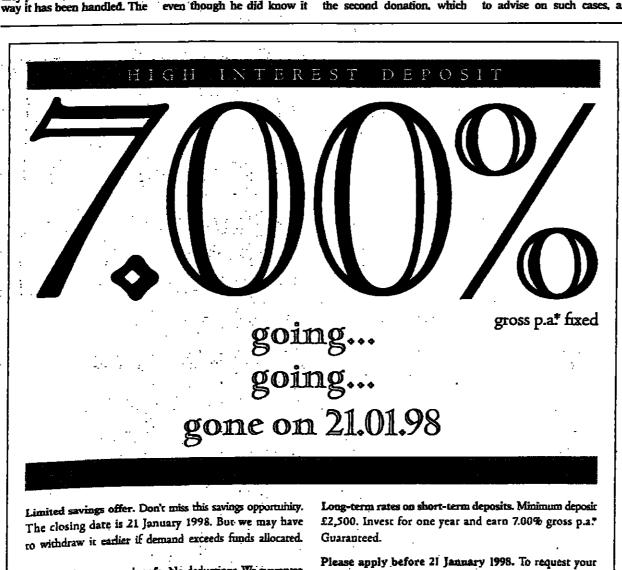
perhaps it is necessary to go further and announce meetings between ministers and substantial donors on government business as well as when they receive honours or

public appointments. The Government's super- and informality of Opposition

has appeared casual in its attitude to donations. Mr Blair clearly believes that he took the right decision, but he needs to realise that proper. procedures have to be seen to be followed. The casualness

transition was deceptive. The inexperience of the Blair team has been exposed. Mr Blair and his advisers have a lot to learn about how to conduct themselves in government.

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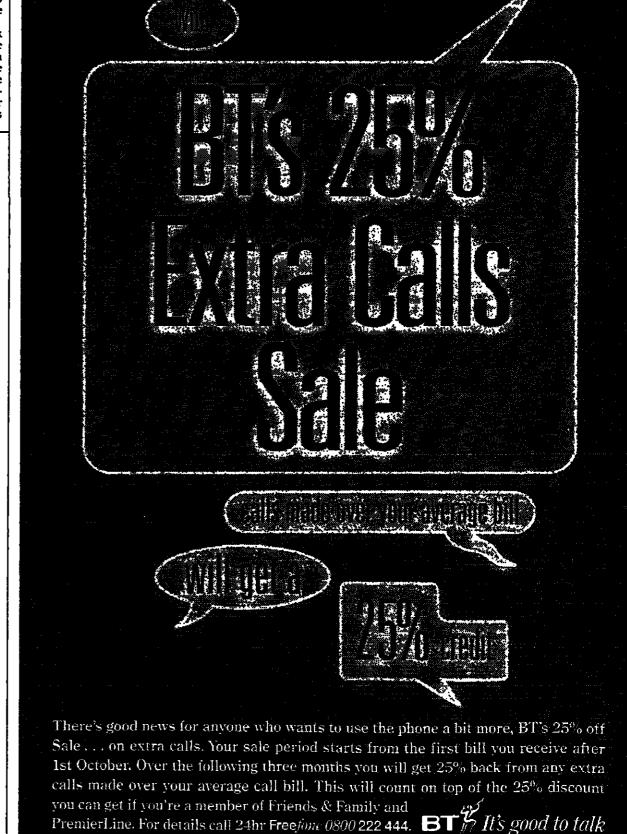
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Tourist attractions attacked for costly information lines

BY PAUL WHITTAKER

MANY of the best-known tourist attractions are charging customers before they even reach the turnstiles by ripswitching their telephone inquiry lines to 0891 numbers, according to a new guide.

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The Good Guide to Britain 1998, published today, says that charging callers up to 50p a minute to provide basic information such as opening times and admission rates was "quite unjustifiable".

Rob Unsworth, the book's associate editor, yesterday criticised the "money-grabbing" tactic which he said was a disturbing new trend. He said this year's survey had identified more than 20 facilities that charged premium rates for telephone information, compared with none last year. "If you ring up only to see whether an attraction is open you could unwittingly

pay more than £2 for a deliberately padded-out message," he said. "It is a blatant rip-off to do this as many of these attractions already charge admission of £5 to £6."

He said it was a pity so few attractions offered 0800 freephone numbers for information. His guide had deliberately not listed the 0891 numbers, but had given ordinary telephone numbers.

He said the London Tourist Board's recorded information services, listed in the telephone directory, were among the worst offenders. More than 30 premium-rate 0891 numbers were listed, including "Shopping News" and "Changing the Guard". Each call cost 50p a minute.

But the London Tourist Board rejected the criticism. "Providing information to the huge number of visitors to London, many who arrive out of office hours, is a monumental challenge. We get more than 15,000 calls a month to our service lines which are not designed to make a profit but simply to be self-funding," Louise Wood, its spokeswom-

She added: "Of course, if people want to come down to our tourist information centres, they can get the information for nothing."

Attractions that have intro-

duced premium-rate calls, such as Howlett's and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks in Kent, have defended the practice. Jeremy Watson, the parks' public relations manager, said: "We are a heavy loss-making charity and looking after animals is an expensive business. I don't believe our message is padded out and we think it is fair value for money."



Angela Eagle, junior Environment Minister, feeding a lemur at London Zoo before announcing the changes

Zoos told they face tougher scrutiny

By JOANNA BALE

ZOOS will have to meet higher standards under plans announced yesterday by Angela Eagle, a junior Environment Minister. They include better care of animals and improved protection of endangered species.

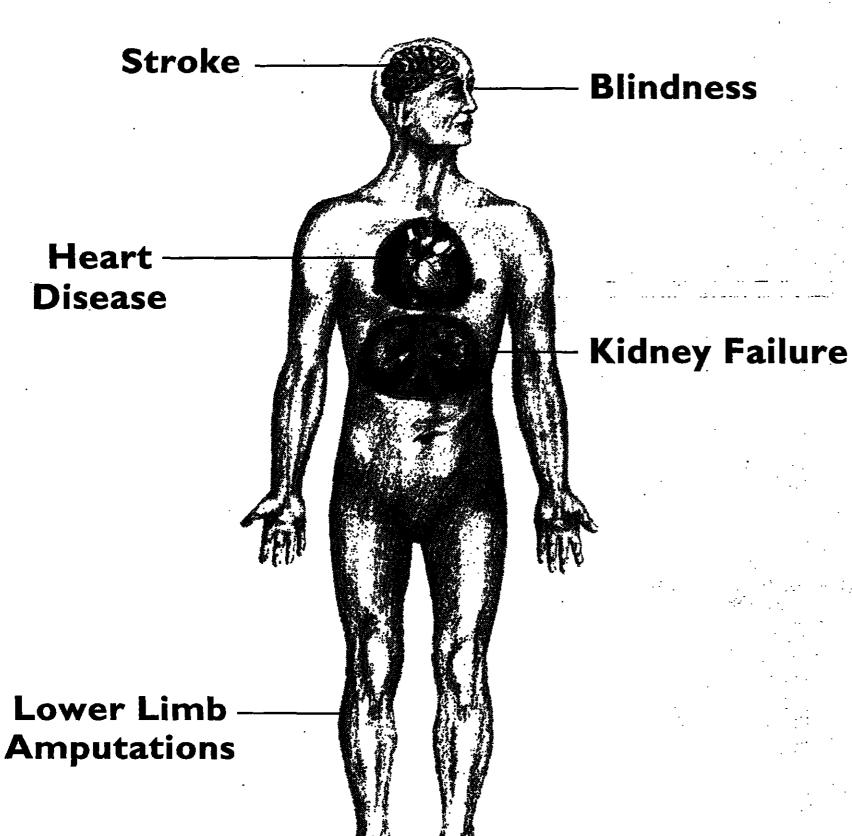
More emphasis will be put on encouraging zoos to promote conservation, while local authorities will face closer monitoring. A Zoo Forum will oversee the zoo licensing system, which is 20 years old.

Inspections will be made more stringent by encouraging local authorities to use their existing powers to undertake informal, unannounced inspections at least once every year.

The RSPCA, which wel-

The RSPCA, which welcomed the proposals, claims that there are poor standards of facilities, husbandry and management in some zoos.

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Y AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE literary curses and brandishments of James Joyce and Roddy Doyle have been collected in the first dictionary of Irish slang.

dictionary of Irish slang.

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scuttered, mowldy and
peloothered are evocative
terms used by Irish authors to
describe inebriation. When
denigrating a character, they
resort to bogtrotter, gobshite,
muck savage, spa, messer,
wagon (women only) and
bollix (men only).

The words are among approximately 6.000 terms explained by Bernard Share for his book Slanguage.

his book Slanguage.

"I have found words stretching back to Swift and before, but most are from the modern period because, over the last 50 years, it became more acceptable to put four-letter words in print," Mr Share, a novelist and historian, said.

Goms are fools, cute hoors are devious politicians, and greenhouses are street urinals. The Twelve Apostles were the killing squad recruited by Michael Collins, or The Big Fella, to fight the British in 1000

All behind like a cow's tail means running very late, spit oysters is Joyce's term for phlegm, while a Kerry witness is someone who will swear to anything. A piana is a cash register in Dublin while Plastic Paddies are children of first-generation Irish emigrants in Britain.

"Irish colloquialisms are fascinating because they are a mixture of the Irish and English languages," Mr Share said. "People such as Doyle are selling these words to an international audience." Mr Doyle, the Booker prize-

winning novelist, has helped spread Irish slang such as craic (a good time, usually in a pub) and culchie (country bumpkin). Culchie, which appears in the Oxford Dictionary, is an Anglicisation of the term Coillte Mach, the Irish for the village of Kiltimagh in Co Mayo. According to Mr Share, the word came into use after the Second World War to describe people from the bogs in central Ireland who went to work in Dublin, home of the

jackeens (Dubliners).

It was hard to imagine that the terms would be widely used in 20 years, he said.

"Although I can't imagine cute hoor disappearing."





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How to deco suggesting yet that the European Union might reconsider the £26 million it gives in aid to Nepal every year. But Nepal will be asked to consider introducing laws that would being a mes After a three-year study of the area, an Anti-Slavery International report on Nepal published today calculates

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Maria Serena



Nepal slavery shackles rural folk to poverty

THE village is awake by 5am. Well before dawn the mud-caked streets are filled with men driving the landlord's oxen to the fields and women carrying baskets of dung on their heads. Older children hold on to

their baby brothers and sisters as they watch their parents leave for work while their other siblings drive the goats out to pasture.

It is a scene that is found in rural areas all over the developing world. The difference here, in the Western Terai, is that no one gets paid for working days that start before dawn and continue until after Nepal's continued use of

slaves and bonded labourers is at the top of the agenda at meetings between a European Commission delegation and the Nepalese Government in Kathmandu today. No one is ban its slavery tradition.

published today calculates here are more than 200,000



Sue Lloyd-Roberts reports from Nambata, Western Terai, on bonded labour, top of the agenda in EU talks today

forced labourers in Nepal. found in two distinct catego ries. There are the halipa.
literally "one who ploughs"
(ploughing is seen as a lowcaste activity — indeed a highcaste farmer could risk losing his caste status if he ploughs -and so is unworthy of payment). And there are the kamaiya, bonded labourers from the Tharu tribe, whose people have always worked as virtual slaves for Nepali landlords.

"My grandfather used kamaiya, and his father before him. It has always been the



way around here," said Badal Prasad Chaudhari, a landlord in the village of Nambasta. You see, we have so much land we couldn't possible till it all without kamaiya." He sat in the courtyard of his house while the wives of his kamaiya prepared the vegetables and swept the floors. They are also He invited one of his men,

Ram Shenam, to describe his working day. "I don't know how many hours I work because I don't have a watch. All I know is that I work from before light until after dark. I go first to the landlord's house and he tells me which fields to plough and where to feed the animals. In return l am given rice, lentils and mustard. I don't know how much." Another kamaiya in the

village, Seligram Tharu, said that he was tied to his landlord twice, by tribal tradition and through debt. When he fell ill with cholera three years ago, he had no alternative but to



Scenes of everyday life in Nambata show, clockwise from the top left, kamaiya cattle herders; kamaiya wives sifting flour watched by their drunken landlord. Tara Prassad; another slave woman collecting dung, and a haliya, or "one who ploughs", considered a low-caste activity

borrow the equivalent of £30 from his landlord to buy medicines. He would probably work for his landlord for life and then pass the legacy of debt to his son.

His landlord, Tara Prassad, was quite drunk when he agreed to be interviewed. "If you give them money, they spend it on alcohol. If you give them rice, at least they might

feed their family." The Terai is the only slither of non-mountainous land in Nepal and it provides most of the country's agricultural needs.

Until the 1960s it was a high-risk area for malaria and so cut off from the rest of the world. Anthropologists who first visited the Western Terai 40 years ago were astonished by the medieval social and working structures. "We had no real experience of democracy in Nepal until 1991," said Shisham Mishra, of the Bonded Labour Liberation Front in Nepal. There is no tradition here of listening to the people. And most of the politicians themselves have land on which they employ

At the Ministry of Labour in

"The donor countries are prethe capital, Nepalgani, Bah-kra Bilas Bhusal said the pared to help out on other projects . . They should help Government was talking about tackling the problem us with this as well." But outsiders have been with a programme that would involve the state paying back

arguing that the Nepalese Government should make an initially helpful gesture, such as legislating against slavery. ☐ Sue Lloyd-Roberts will report from Nepal for the BBC Nine O'Clock News tonight.

Clinton lawyers question Paula Jones

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

LAWYERS for President Clinton have questioned Paula Jones under oath for the first time about her sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

She was questioned for eight hours on Wednesday and the questioning contin-ued yesterday at a law office in Little Rock, Arkansas, only a few blocks from the hotel where Mrs Jones alleges Mr Clinton exposed himself and asked her for oral sex in 1991. The President adamantly denies the claim.

The questioning was part of the pre-

trial process of gathering depositions. Lawyers are given wide scope to explore areas that the judge may later rule inadmissible at the trial, which is due to start on May 27. Susan Carpenter-McMillan, spokes-

woman for Mrs Jones, said she expected that Mr Clinton's chief lawyer, Robert Bennett, would be unrelenting in his questions. Sometimes lawyers are deliberately aggressive at the deposition stage in the hope of giving plaintiffs second thoughts about pursuing a case all the way to a public trial. Lawyers from both sides have been

taking depositions for several weeks.

Among those they still plan to question is Gennifer Flowers, whose claims to have had a 12-year affair with Mr Clinton briefly threatened his initial bid for the White House in 1992. Meanwhile, two conservative advocacy

groups have been attempting to air extraordinary commercials in Washington encouraging women to call a toll-free number if they believe they have been "a victim of sexual harassment by the President". The Free Congress Foundation and the National Centre for Public Policy Research claimed to have received thousands of calls but none that were an authentic complaint against Mr Clinton.

New warning | Japanese link to child sex ring on drought

Sydney: Drought threatening millions of people in Indo nesia and Papua New Guinca shows no signs of easing, an Australian parliamentary committee was told yesterday (Roger Maynard writes).

The failure of monsoon rains, blamed on El Niño, the weather phenomenon, will worsen the situation, Aus-AID, the national relief agen cy, said. Australia spends £2 million a month on drought aid for Papua New Guinea.

sence of effective laws to deal FROM ROBERT WHYMANT with sexual abuse of children IN TOKYO

THE uncovering of an inter-

national sex ring trading in Asian children has spotlighted Japan's extraordinary tolerance of the trade in child sex. Italian authorities who

arrested a Japanese man and Chinese woman trying to smuggle a 12-year-old Chinese girl to Miami via Milan said the sex ring was run by Chinese criminal gangs and Japanese mobsters. The abhas made Japan a paradise for paedophiles.
Child prostitution is wide-

the loans which enslave the

people. But the problem of

bonded labour was not a

priority. Slavery in Nepal was

a shameful thing for Nepal.

and for humanity as a whole.

spread in Japan under the euphemism enjo kosai (compensated dating), referring to the practice of schoolgirls providing sex to adult men to earn money for expensive imported

clothes or handbags.
A group of MPs is sponsoring a Bill aiming at making soliciting or procuring child prostitutes a criminal offence. The law would apply to adults who pay for sex with children under the age of 18. If enacted. this would be the first law to cover sexual abuse of children inside and outside Japan.

Sponsors of the Bill hope to penalise organisers of package tours for paedophiles to countries where sex can be bought cheaply. But there is little optimism the police will be able to stamp out the involvement of powerful yakuza gangsters in child prostitution

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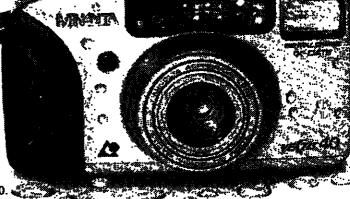
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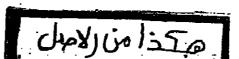
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Britain vies for oil billions in Caspian boom

Azerbaijan dipped his fingers into a pot of newly extracted crude oil, smeared the gooey liquid over his face and declared that the ancient custom would bring his impoverished nation good fortune and

In a ceremony which politicians and oilmen from around the world hailed as the start of a new Caspian Sea oil boom. Azerbaijan this week officially began pumping ashore the first of billions of barrels of oil.

"We are on the eve of a very great and prosperous future." Mr Aliyev said in Baku. "We have laid down the foundations for that future today."

His remarks were echoed by an impressive range of dignitaries from around the world. They have been courting Baku in the hope of winning some of the lucrative oil and pipeline contracts for the estimated 200 billion barrels lying in the Caspian basin, which should guarantee prosperity for the region for many years.

British, American, Russian and Turkish ministers lobbied hard in the hope that their companies would be able to establish the sort of presence in the country that they have enjoyed in oil-rich regions such as the Gulf.

With the turn of a valve. Azerbaijan has opened more than a pipeline. Azerbaijan



prosperity," Federico Pena, the visiting US Energy Secretary, said. This is an impor-

for the future." Derek Fatchett, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who in keeping with local custom was obliged to smear oil over his face as well, said that Britain was well posi-tioned to take advantage of the forthcoming boom. The point was emphasised when he extended an invitation from the Prime Minister to Mr Aliyev to visit London next year and delivered a letter of congratulation from the Queen.

The Azerbaijan International Operating Company, the BP-led consortium that developed the first offshore field. has been praised widely for building a pipeline, platform and terminal in only three years. There is potential here and we have established our-

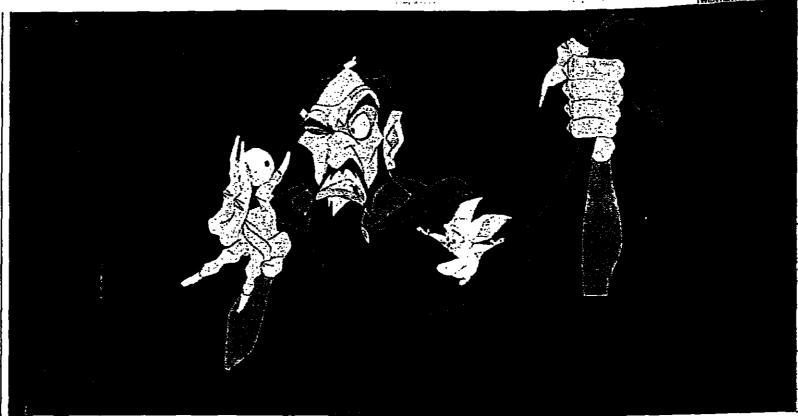
Richard Beeston reports from Baku on the scramble for business

in Azerbaijan selves as good and trusted players," Mr Fatchett said. Certainly even a brief in-spection of Baku revealed that tant milestone and a symbol

the capital is undergoing extraordinary changes. When the Soviet Union collapsed six years ago the city was an impoverished backwater. Today modern hotels and blocks of flats are being built at a record pace alongside lavish casinos, clothes shops and Western restaurants.

Nevertheless, the talk of new-found wealth and the prospect of oil money flooding into the economy may be premature. Many say that Azerbaijan still faces tough "This nation would be per-

fect if we could pick it up and put it somewhere else," a Western diplomat said, bemoaning Azerbaijan's unpredictable neighbours and the volatility of the Caucasus



The evil sorcerer Rasputin finds himself falling apart in front of his aide, Bartok the bat, in the new Twentieth Century Fox film Anastasia

Fox takes bite at Disney's golden goose

FROM GILES WHITTELL

IT IS hardly the stuff of Thanksgiving family entertainment. Days before America's autumn break, two studios are at war over a \$55 million (£33 million) cartoon feature film set against a backdrop of the Russian Revolution.

In an all-out attempt to break Disney's stranglehold on large-scale animation, Twentieth Century Fox is reportedly spending up to \$50 million on top of production costs to promote its unlikely epic, Anastasia - a third more than the cost of marketing last year's blockbuster, Independence Day.

In reply, the Walt Disney Company, maker of Aladdin and The Lion King, is defending its grip on the most lucrative niche in the film business with "every legal means possible". according to a major cinema chain.

As Fox launches its final advertising

blitz, Disney has banned Anastasia commercials from some of its ABC television programmes and re-released its 1989 hit, The Little Mermaid. Reports have even emerged of toy shop staff pushing Anastasia dolls to the back of

Twentieth Century Fox, whose proprietor, Rupert Murdoch — chairman efforts by other studios, Warner Brothand chief executive of The News corporation, parent company of The

ed films, and determined to enter the specialised market with its potential for millions in revenue from toys and video sales. Animated films also benefit from not having to pay multimilliondollar salaries to "real" stars.

have generally flopped, however. The Lion King has made more than \$1. billion worldwide since its 1994 release, and The Hunchback of Notre Dame a healthy \$500 million. One of the best

Times — was among several studios dazzled by the staggering profits generated in recent years by Disney animatimaty have peaked. This year's Disney. ca's appetite for full-length animation may have peaked. This year's Disney? release, Hercules, took a relatively: modest \$97 million.

Anastasia's central character is a plucky ex-Tsarina described by Fortune as a cross between Meg Ryan, Non-Disney feature length cartoons Hepburn. The film is aimed chiefly at girls and their mothers, all being wooed with 50 tie-in book titles and a \$30 million advertising campaign.

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Terrorism ruled out in TWA crash

Washington: The FBI has ended its investigation into the explosion and crash of TWA Flight 800 in July last year, saying it had found "absolutely no evidence" of a criminal act (lan Brodie writes).

Letters have been sent to relatives of the 230 passengers and crew telling them of the decision which will be officially announced next week. A separate investigation

ure caused the explosion will be continued by the US National Transportation Safety Board. Its latest theory is focused on whether fraved wires or a surge of electricity were responsible for creating sparks that may have ignited furnes in the centre fuel tank of the Boeing 747.

After the crash, there was widespread speculation that the aircraft may have been brought down off Long Island by a terrorist bomb or missile after taking off from John F. Kennedy airport for Paris.

US herds 'carrying • mad cow disease'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THOUSANDS of American earlier this year of causes cattle carry a deadly strain of unrelated to the subject of his bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow" disease, according to a new

John Stauber and Sheldon tors have played down the dangers and erred on the side of the meat industry. The book contends that

although the strain of BSE linked to the fatal Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in people is specific to Europe, other fatal strains are present in North America.

These strains of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) were first detected in University of Madison, by Dr Richard Marsh, a virologist who died research.

Dr Marsh, who grew up on his father's mink farm in Oregon, found a strain of TSE: Rampton, co-authors of Mad been given feed containing Cow USA: Could the Night meat from Downer dairy mare Happen Here?, said cows. He then injected the there has been evidence since sevims found in the mink into-1985 of a strain of BSE in US Holstein bull calves, discoverdisease rapidly and died. He was not certain how the cows. fed to the mink got the disease in the first place, but conclud-

> ed that rendered ruminants in feed were the likeliest source. Dr Marsh's findings - and: his call for a ban on using material from ruminants in cattle feed - were dismissed. by the federal Food and Drug

Administration. While there have been no America, the authors argue



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Resear Mining boss says stude, we did not profit from apartheid'

THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 1997

SHOWING the political skills used by his mining dynasty to prosper under apartheid and in a democratic South Africa. Nicky Oppenheimer yester-day joined fellow Anglo American and De Beers executives in an apology for having worked with a racist regime.

But he rejected suggestions that the corporation built by his father and grandfather had supported National Party policies, or that South Africa's niggest company had profited from anti-union legislation and cheap labour.

Mr Oppenheimer, deputy chairman of Anglo and the chairman-elect of De Beers, told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up to examine amnesty applications for political crimes between 1960 and 1994, that apartheid had been a "massive affirmative action programme for whites". "It is quite clear that

undermine [apartheid]. We must express our apologies and remorse."

According to some analysts, Anglo American and associated companies controlled by the Oppenheimer family total up to 52 per cent of the com-panies listed on Johannesburg's Stock Exchange: Most were built in the apartheid

The Congress of South Afri-can Trade Unions (Cosatu) had earlier named Anglo as a corporation that had "abused workers' rights" by failing to ensure miners were protected from asbestosis and silicosis, which have killed hundreds of employees. The policies of corporations like Anglo with regard to dust in mines amounts to a human rights if someone's lungs packed up, he would be sent home with a lump sum of 200 rand to 300 rand (E24-E40) and the industry would hire someone else,"

said Sam Shilowa, Cosatu's

general secretary.

Mr Oppenheimer said his father, Harry, had had no contact for 13 years of his chairmanship of Anglo with the then South African Prime Minister, John Vorster. "Anglo American stood out during these times and was looked at by the National Party [Government] as far from friend-ly, he said.

According to an academic

study quoted by Cosans, "in 1993, out of every 100,000 gold miners, 113 died in accidents, 2,000 suffered from a reportable injury, 1,100 developed tuberculosis, and of these 25 died; in 1990, about 500 were certified as having silicosis." in testimony to the commission, other business leaders. including Johann Rupert, head of the Rembrandt cigarette manufacturing corporation, condemned apartheid

and insisted that the system held back economic growth.

FROM RICHARD OWEN

Caesar's

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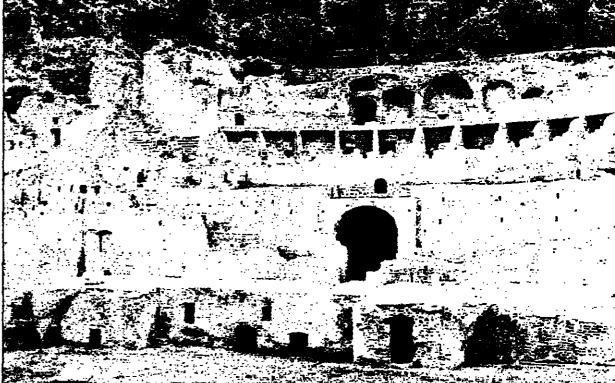
EVERY schoolboy ought to know that Julius Caesar wintered in Gaul but we now know where he spent his summer holidays, Archaeologists have discovered what they believe to be the seaside villa of Julius Caesar, over-looking the Bay of Naples on what the ancient Romans called the "Golden Shore".

Professor Stefano De Caro Superintendent of Archaeolo gy for Naples, said teams working at Baia, on the coast west of Naples, had uncovered a "vast complex" built of volcanic rock at the top of the cliffs overhanging the sea.

There can be little doubt

that this was Caesar's villa," he said. "Its date, its sheer size, and its superb panoram ic position mean it can only have been Julius Caesar's

It matches the description



Ruins of a bathing complex at Baia, the exclusive resort of Roman emperors, overlooking the Bay of Naples

residence given by Tacitus, who records in his Annals that it was "placed at the point

from which one can enjoy the widest panorama of the bay.

early imperial Rome, to the

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The cliffs above the Bay of Naples at Baia were much favoured by the patricians of the rundown suburb of Poz-zuoli, birthplace of Sophia Loren) became the centre of the doice vita of the time.

to luxury villas there reads like a who's who of late republican and early imperial Rome, including Tiberius,

Nero, Cicero, Pompey and the dictator Sulia. The area was described by Cicero as "the Golden Shore, the Bay of Luxury". The poet Propertius learnt that his beloved, Cynthia, had gone to Baia, whose beaches were "known to be fatal to female virtue".

Baia, part of the volcanic region mythologised by Homer and Virgil as the Elysian Fields, have dated the beginnings of the newly found villa to the 3rd century BC, the period when Rome extended its power through-

WORLD IN BRIEF

Chinese expected to free rights activists

hinted yesterday that he expected China to release key human rights activists in the wake of President Jiang Zemin's visit to Washington (James Pringle writes). He was not aware of any specific pledge to free jailed human rights activists, but "based

on intuition" he expected to see progress in the next few weeks.

Analysts said that those about to be released, besides Wei
Jingsbeng, the country's most high-profile prisoner, who has
spent nearly 17 years in jail for calling for the "fifth
modernisation — democracy", could include Wang Dan, the
Tiananmen student leader. Both are said to have suffered health (It'an-up on problems, with Wei's health deteriorating dramatically.

Talks to start on peace pact

Tokyo: Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and his Japanese counterpart, Keizo Obuchi, agreed to start talks aimed at signing a Second World War peace treaty by 2000, following a summit accord earlier this month. Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said Mr Primakov and Mr Obuchi agreed that the talks will start at the vice-ministerial level, with a Japanese official visiting Moscow in January. The two countries have not signed a Second World War peace treaty because of a long-standing dispute over the Russian-held Kurile Islands, northeast of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island. (Reuters)

French boats attack Belgians

Brussels: French fishermen hurled rocks and fired flares at a Belgian trawler found inside France's 12-mile limit, smashing her windows. Nets were thrown over the boat's propeller, the Belgian fishing boat owners' association said. There were no injuries and there will be an investigation into the incident, in the Channel 14 miles southwest of Dunkirk and said by the association to have involved about 15 French boats. Negotiations were under way to let the trawler dock in Belgium. (Reuters)

Case opens on pilots' deaths

Miami: Lawyers here are seeking damages from the Cuban Government for the deaths of three Cuban-American pilots shot down last year off the coast of Cuba (David Adams writes). The case is the first of its kind to be brought under a new American anti-terrorism law. No Cuban officials or lawyers were present and Havana refuses to recognise US authority to judge the case, which is being brought by the victims' families.

Trabant passes 'moose test'

Bonn: The Trabant, the two-stroke East German car with 1950s technology, has passed with flying colours the "moose avoidance test" failed by the new A-class Mercedes-Benz model. The Thüringer Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper claimed that the test it carried out at an abandoned Soviet airstrip in the eastern town of Eisenach showed the Trabant was safer than the "Baby Benz", even at higher speeds. (Reuters)

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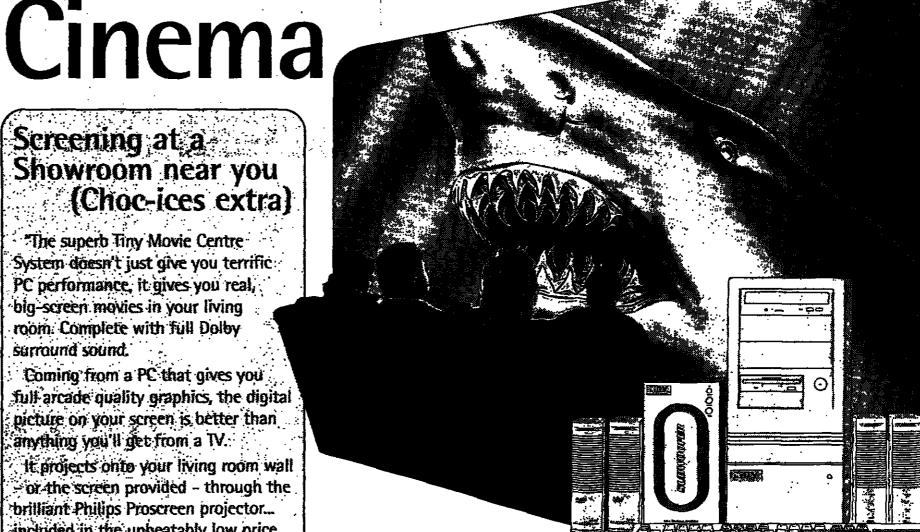
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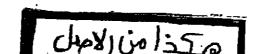
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Saddam exploits the collapse of **US-led** alliance

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Iraqi leader's confrontation with the West has been calculated to wring maximum advantage from the collapse of the Arab coalition that supported the American-led attack on Iraq in 1991.

President Saddam Hussein has pointedly staged his challenge to America at a time when neighbouring Arab countries are deeply embittered about the stalemate in the Middle East peace process and disillusioned with US policies in the region. The diplomatic support Washington enjoyed in spearheading the liberation of Kuwait has virtually disappeared.

Syria and Egypt, the two main Arab allies in the Gulf War, have expressed opposition to any American-led military action. Even other Gulf countries are distancing themselves. Western diplomacy is trying to maintain the semblance of Arab unity against Iraq by settling for weaker United Nations resolutions than the West would like and publicly pursuing a policy of restraint

But frantic Western efforts are now being made in Arab capitals to persuade governments that the threat posed by Saddam has nothing to do with the Arab-Israeli peace

suade Arab opinion. There is criticism of US "hypocrisy" in cracking down on fraqi violations of UN resolutions while doing little about what Arabs see as Israeli violations of the Oslo peace accords.

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leading Arab countries to boycott next week's Americanbacked Middle East economic summit in Qatar, to which Israel has been invited. Only a handful of Arab states will be represented, by low-level delegations. Yesterday David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said that he would not attend, though an Israeli delegation would go, headed by Natan Sharansky, the Trade

King Hussein of Jordan has

spot by Iraq. Since the Gulf War, Jordan has reversed its costly diplomatic support for

Although Iraq uses Jordan as its main foreign diplomatic base. King Hussein has given political asylum to Iraqi exiles and denounced the Baghdad Government. But there is still strong support among Jorda-nians for Iraq, coupled with deepening disillusion over Jor-

The King paid dearly in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia for his attempts at diplomatic mediation before the Gulf War. He has now mended his fences, but is again calling for a time limit to Western sanctions and underlining the sufferings of the Iraqi people.

No Arab state has rallied to Iraq's side, however, as all know that America is certain to win any military confrontation. The Arabs are also embarrassed by Saddam's continuing internal oppression, his military threat to his neighbours and his open flouting of UN resolutions on weapons destruction.

Egypt and Syria have urged Baghdad to avoid a military confrontation with America. Newspapers are saying that an attack on Iraq would be tantamount to an attack on the whole Arab nation.



A missile is unloaded from an American warplane on USS Nimitz in the northern Gulf after a United Nations-sponsored sortie over Iraq yesterday

Boycott of economic talks deals blow to America

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ARAB states from the Atlantic to the Gulf, together with the leadership of the 22-member Arab League, boycotting the fourth annual Middle East and North Africa economic conference due to open in the Gulf state of Qatar on Sunday.

The widespread boycott, organised nation-by-nation in protest at alleged

foot-dragging by Israel in the peace process since Binyamin Netanyahu took power in Israel last year, is a diplomatic blow to the United States. America will be represented at the conference by Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, but a whistle-stop tour by one of her officials to persuade the boycott are countries with the closest ties to the US: Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

Describing what is fast turning into a diplomatic debade, the Tel Aviv paper Haaretz said yesterday that the conference, which was launched with a flourish in Morocco four years ago. "has been transformed from a celebra-

key allies to attend has failed. Leading Arab world into a wake for the peace process". The paper noted that the boycott, which had left only five states - Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Yemen and Tunisia — confirming their attendance was the "last nail in the coffin Western spli

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of the vision of the new Middle East". David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, announced he would not attend the meeting, but send Natan

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Israeli leader rebuked by o Blair over stalled peace

By Michael Binyon AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER

TONY BLAIR yesterday told Binvamin Netanvahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, of Britain's "great concern" at the stalemate in the Middle East peace process, and spoke of the urgent need to move

In 70 minutes of Downing Street talks, officially described as friendly and conalso for European Union leaders, implicitly rebuked Mr Netanyahu for dragging his feet in implementing the Oslo eace accords. He said practical progress was needed on and Mr Cook's initiative in such things as a new port and airport for Gaza and free passage through Israel to the West Bank. He also called for a halt to all new Jewish

The same tough line was taken by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, over lunch. He said that Britain understood Israel's security worries,

NETANYAHU IN LONDON

but wanted to see the imple-

mentation of Oslo, including land for peace, and of agreements with the Palestinians that Israel had already made. Mr Blair and Mr Cook discussed the situation in Iraq with the Israeli leader and briefed him on Britain's stand, underlining the need to scrap struction. Mr Netanyahu offered Israeli support to the allied coalition. He also welcomed Israel's improving bi-

lateral relations with Britain

calling a conference next

month on Nazi gold. He will today have similar talks in London with Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, before going to take a tough line on settlements and Israel's approach

refused to make time to see Mr Netanyahu. Mr Netanyahu's scheduled departure for London was delayed for several hours as he tried to quell mounting turmoil with mem-bers of his Likud-led coalition.

Britain and the United States, the leading columnist Hemi Shalev wrote in the Tel Aviv daily Maariv: "Netanyahu is going to have to deal with abroad at a time when the real danger facing him is behind his back, here at home. The sad truth is the only unity Netanvahu has succeeded in establishing at the present is the spreading general consensus that he has to be replaced quickly."

Anger inside Mr Netanyahu's Likud party resulted from an ill-tempered conven-Minister and his close aides were accused of political trick-



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Iraqis 'poised to make germ weapons'



Butler: UN commission

IN NEW YORK

WITH the withdrawal of six American weapons inspectors from Iraq only a skeleton staff of nine will remain and Baghdad could start making biological weapons within a week, Richard Butler, the chairman of the United Nations Special Commission charged with ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction,

Seventy-two other inspectors and helicopter crew were due to leave by air today, but the six Americans were refused permission to join them and travelled by road to Jordan last night. They leave behind

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Chilean helicopter technicians, to operate the weapons monitoring system put in place at the end of the Gulf War. Among those expected to stay are a Canadian, an Australian, a Finn, a New Zealander and a Jordanian interpreter. No Britons will be among them.

Mr Butler said the remaining inspectors would man the UN's monitoring centre at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, watching video from its network of surveillance cameras around the country. He has also authorised a new U2 spy flight despite Iraq's objections to the use of the US planes. However, he

said the monitoring regime would inevitably be disrupted. Our skeleton staff will be running our machines," he said. "Some of these are the screens on the receiving end of remote cameras. But I would be misleading you if I thought that gave us any confidence. Every day since October 29 has harmed our monitorine effort."

The Security Council met vesterday to discuss Irag's defiance of a resolution it had passed only hours earlier, demanding that Baghdad reverse its decision to bar Americans from working as UN weapons

Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, now in New York. brushed aside the danger of military

action, insisting: "We are not scared of the threats being made by the Americans." Mr Aziz told Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, vesterday that his Government was willing to continue to work with non-American inspectors and accused Mr Butler of "escalating the situation". "Iraq is ready to continue its co-operation with Unscom Ithe inspections agency]." Mr Aziz said.
"Unscom could perform fully its duties inside Iraq with the person-

decides to send except the Mr Aziz reiterated Baghdad's demand for Unscom to be restructured to reduce the influence of

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Americans, blaming them for preventing the commission from certifying that Iraq deserves to have the UN oil embargo lifted, which depends on its co-operation with the weapons inspectors. "We are not against the Americans for their nationality, but because of the dominant role the Americans play in Unscom we requested the Security Council to recompose the Special Commission so that it becomes a real international organ.

Aziz said. "This organ should not be dominated by one nationality, because the American Government has a special agenda aginst Iraq, is hostile against Iraq, and it is not fair, not

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not an American-led organ," Mr

lead the commission when they are implementing their Government's policy."

Despite periodic crises, the UN monitoring effort has had unexpected success in ferreting out Iraq's hanned biological and chemical weapons programmes and its stock of ballistic missiles. More than 100 inspection missions have turned up evidence that Iraq had stockpiled huge quantities of chemical arms and even deployed biological weapons during the Gulf War. UN inspectors believe, however, that Baghdad is continuing to conceal large amounts of the nerve gas VX as well as biological agents such as

Western split on military option dents US resolve

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

FOR all the hardening of the American position, White House officials insisted yesterday that President Clinton and

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his team had not yet reached the stage of ordering a military attack against Iraq, although a US armada armed with cruise missiles and fighter aircraft remained on high alert in the Gulf. We are being careful not to

beat the war drums," one official said. However, an overwhelming reason for Washington's hesitation was that, with the exception of Britain, the United States stands alone among the:coalition of allies who wanted to punish Iraq militarily after its invasion of Kuwait. The script has changed and the differences between the US and Britain on one side and France, Russia, Egypt and several more on the other are

unsettling. France and Russia are now regarded in Washington as so eager to resume oil links with lraq that they would be willto overlook President Saddam Hussein's misbehaviour. The Americans have little understanding of the resentment generated in Europe by their recent attempts to threaten with economic sanctions those doing business with countries they

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call yet another meeting of the UN Security Council, due to start last night. British and American hopes were for a unanimous statement to be issued in the name of the council president. China, that could possibly threaten new sanctions against Iraq unless Saddam allows the return of the full weapons team, including its American members, to continue the monitoring and dismantling of Iraq's arsenal of terror.

On Wednesday, the council rejected US and British moves to threaten Iraq with "serious unanimously instead for the weaker language of a resolu-tion that spoke only of "further measures" if Iraq continued to dely the UN.

Mr Clinton said vesterday that in the past six years the inspectors in Iraq have destroyed more weapons of mass destruction potential than were destroyed in the entire Gulf War. "It is important for the safety of the world that they continue the work," he

Union is sending its ambassadors back to Iran after a hiatus of more than six months prompted by a Berlin court finding that the Iranian Government had ordered the murder of Kurdish dissidents in The next move, then, was to Germany. (Reuters)

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Saudis and Turks limit Tornado missions

By Michael Evans DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE decision to send HMS Invincible towards the Gulf came partly because of diplomatic problems over the use of the Tornado GRI groundattack aircraft that are based in Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

The six Tornados at Al Kharj, near Riyadh, and the six at Incirlik in Turkey will not be allowed to use their bases for offensive action against Iraq without host nation approval. Neither Saudi Arabia nor Turkey is expected to sanction military action against lraq from their territory. In the case of

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Turkey, the Americans and the British have not even asked for permission because they know it will be refused. The Saudis have also made clear that they will not agree to any "offensive" action being taken from their air

Britain is discussing with Kuwait and Bahrain the option of moving some of the Tornados to bases on their territory. However, the arrival in the Gulf area of a Royal Navy carrier equipped with RAF Harrier GR7s, hich are capable of low-level attack

sorties at night, would make it less urgent to seek permission for Tornado involvement in any action. The Harrier GR7 has a combat range of more than 500 miles and is armed with laser-guided Paveway bombs and 1,000lb bombs with laser heads.

The Americans have many more military options because of their cruise missile capability. The Royal Navy will have to wait until next year before it acquires the first batch of Tomahawk missiles from the Americans for its nuclear-powered submarines. The US Navy has several types of Tomahawks deployed in the Gulf. Two cruisers and four destroyers are armed with a mixture of Block 2 Tomahawks with a range of more than 800 miles and Block 3 Tomahawks with a range of more than 1,000 miles. One attack submarine, the USS Olympia. has missiles on board with a range of up to 720 miles.

The US Air Force is likely to want to get involved, especially since the B52 cruise missile attack on Iraq last year was largely unsuccessful. American air chiefs will seek to prove that their air-launched cruise missiles can be as effective as the naval versions. B52s based in the United States or in Guam are therefore likely to take part in any strike against Iraq.

Attack by press on Clinton 'blackmail'

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

EVEN if Iraq does not take foreigners hostage, as it did after invading Kuwait seven years ago, the authorities have probably whipped up enough popular sentiment to endanger anyone in a UN vehicle.

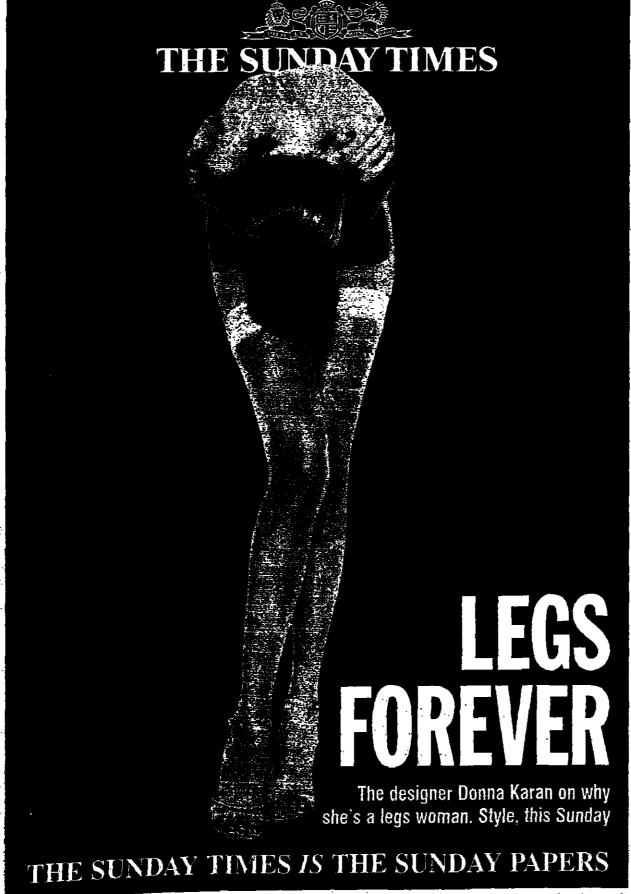
The decision to expel US arms experts came at a meeting, chaired by the Iraqi dictator, of the Revolutionary Command Council and the ruling Baath party's regional leadership. It will be valid

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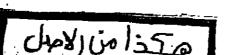
"until the American Administration and the UN Security Council reconsider their policies in dealing with Iraq", the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Earlier, Baghdad barred Americans from UN inspections for the tenth time in Il days as state-run newspapers thundered against unjust new sanctions brought about by Washington's blackmail at the UN.

Far from getting sanctions lifted, Iraq's attitude means that they will almost certainly be prolonged. This strengthens suspicions that Saddam's aim is to cling to his clandestine weapons programmes and that he threw down the gauntlet to the UN because inspectors were on the verse of a major discovery.



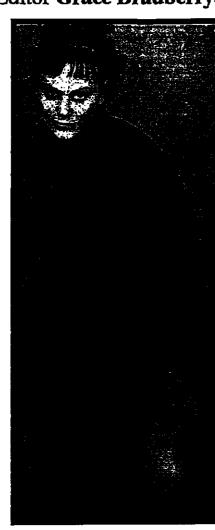




The layering game

You've got the dress, the trousers and the tunic. Now wear them all at once, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry







Left: Trousers, £175 and minidress, £140, by Miu Miu. Cardigan, £403 by Alberta Feretti. All from Harvey Nichols. Middle: Trousers, £59.95 by Biba. Polo neck, £54 by Jigsaw. Skirt £30 by Warehouse. Velvet slingbacks, £225 by Ernesto Esposito at Russell & Bromley. Right: Pinstripe dress, £335 by Junya Watanabe. Trousers, £119 by Joseph at Liberty's

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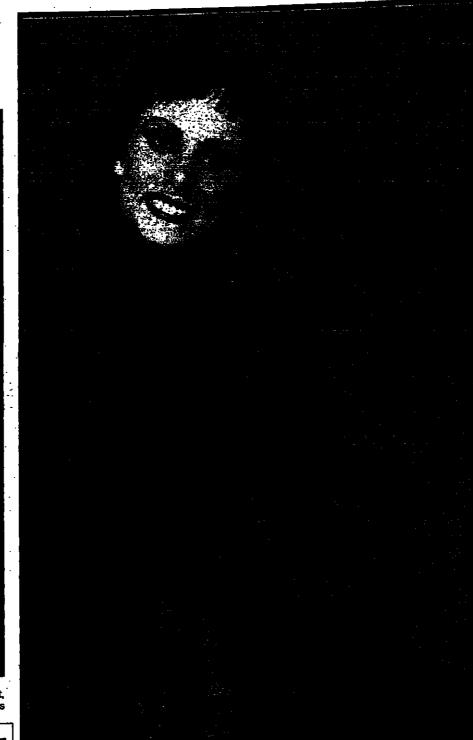
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fabrics and textured knits from around the world. The pieces he creates are individually desirable, but beg to be bought together. Once you have succumbed to the brocade trousers, the cashmere tank with chiffon wrap dress attached becomes a must. And so it goes on, until you have a whole wardrobe of Dries — all of which can be worn at once.
It's not only decorative designers who have caught the

layering bug, however. Junya Watanabe, the avant garde Japanese designer, combines dresses with trousers in such a skilful way that it doesn't seem odd at all.

The Austrian Helmut Lang and Hussein Chalayan, the most intellectual of Britain's young guns, have done clever things with flaps, attaching them to the front and back of trousers — great for women who have failed to come to terms with their backsides.

Other designers have used the skirt over trousers idea as a neat way to make this season's micro-minis more accessible. Miu Miu, the Frada diffusion line, showed the shortest of short skirts and dresses — but the tunic designs can be slipped over slimleg velvet trousers.

The key is to eliminate bulk.

Trousers must have no pleats, no bulging pockets, no creases. The more you play with different textures, the more successful the look will be.

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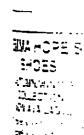
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The dark world of Iain Banks

Iain Banks refuses to play the literary game, yet his novels about the dark side of humanity are bestsellers. Interview by Robin Eggar

ome way between his seventh and eight pint of bitter, having al-ready discussed the Glasgow Rangers back four. lain Banks confesses his addiction to the computer game Civilisation 2. And how, when his wife comes in and he is busy playing it, he tries to pretend he is busy writing. But despite all this beer and male bonhomie, Iain Banks is a New Bloke - part politically correct anorak, part retarded adolescent. He won't laugh if someone tells an off-colour ioke about women or ethnic minorities. Or if he does, it is in spite of himself and he will immediately apologise. And he is also Scotland's best-

selling — and arguably best novelist. Torture and

Hawes Inn, right underneath the Forth Rail Bridge murder in North Queensferry, Fife, to watch a screening of The described Iain Banks, a South Bank Show in detail devoted to him will be screened on Sun-

day. The Inn is world-famous because Robert Louis Stevenson used to drink there. Many regard Banks as Stevenson's I am totally flattered by

comparisons with Robert Louis," he says. "I've never come up with any archetype as stunning as his - and he came up with two, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, and Treasure Island." Banks exploded on to the literary scene in 1984 with publication of The Wasp Fac-

tory, the story of a 16-year-old boy who delights in torturing animals and, occasionally, killing people. It was an instant bestseller. Short, powerful, technically accomp-lished and full of gruesome scenes and descriptions of appalling abuse, it divided critics. Earlier this year, the novel appeared at number 31 Books of the Century" - just behind Nabokov's Lolita, but ahead of Proust's A la Recherche du Temps Perdu.

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Wasp Factory, Banks has written lo books, alternating mainstream novels with seven science fiction romps. Always a good seller, his sales redoubled after BBC2 adapted The Crow Road in 1996. His latest hardback, A Song Of Stone, has already sold more than 50,000 copies since it was published this summer.

Banks lives in North Queensferry, not far from where he was born in 1954. His father was a naval officer, his mother an ice skater. An only child. Iain was always reading. His earliest influences, he says, came from television, comics and science

Stirling University to study literature psychology philosophy, and spent most of his time there, he my room".

He only ever wanted to be a novelist, and for nearly ten years after graduating worked in a series of part-time jobs. Three science fiction novels were rejected by

Banks was living in Kent at the time of his initial success, but returned to Fife with his Anglo-German wife, Annie. She hasn't read any of his books since her warned her that the bestselling Complicity was "too violent". They have no children. Banks suspects that if they did, it might dilute his childlike relish for exploring the dark side of humanity. "I'm sure I'd be a lot more mature, sensible, steady," he reflects. "But I love children. I go hopelessly gooey over little

accepted The Wasp Factory.

The making of z. South Bank Show appears to confirm his status as a cultural icon, vet he does not see himself as part of the literary scene. Although he was chosen British Novelists in 1993. he has never made the Booker shortlist. Perhaps it is because he won't play the literary game. He would rather sink pints with his old schoolfriend and fellow sci-fi author Ken MacCleod than haig around the Groucho Club. He never writes book reviews or learned articles, and is scathing about

most contemporary novelists. The assumption that one is too intellectually well developed to want to be bothered with plot or story really persons



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me off," he snaps. "I like plot. I like story. There aren't enough people trying to write the stuff I try to write without being remorselessly popular and pandering to the lowest common denominator. To surrender the idea of a decent nim to the likes of Jeffrey Archer is

moral suicide. But I want to be clever with it I want to do the twiddly bits the cunning stuff that has hidden meanings. I want to impress people with the size of my O levels. I finely work my that it should be possible and rewarding to read them again,

and get more out of it." Although most of his mainstream novels are set either in Scotland or in distorted visions of its landscapes, Banks insists he is not a "Scottish writer". He is a writer who is a Scot and proud of it. He admits that when he was nine he announced to his shocked mother that he felt more British than Scottish. Today the reverse is true. He is an

old-fashioned socialist, forced

by distaste for the former Conservative administration

"After Thatcher came to power I felt alienated and a lot more Scottish," he says. "I don't think many people of my generation will ever feel Brit-

anks makes a strong distinction between his mainstream and his science fiction novels, which he writes under the name lain M. Banks. was his first love, and is still where he feels happiest. Several feature "The Culture", a Utopia where machines and human beings live in harmony, while others are extremely funny space operas. Perversely, while in his mainstream novels suffering is manifest and the writing is tight, his science fiction is optimistic and a trifle self-

The mainstream novels he divides into "nice" and "grim". Even in the "nice" books (The Crow Road, Whit), the satire is black - grandmothers explode, friends betray each other. In the "grim" fiction (Wasp Factory, Complicity), torture, perversion and murder are described with a graphic, precise attention to

"I don't know where it comes from," admits Banks. "Maybe it is some kind of cathartic thing, or an insurimagined it, it can't happen in reality to you. When I write the My emotional self is saying obscene thing, but as far as I am concerned it is happening in the reality of the book, and therefore it has to be described as well as possible. The role of a novelist should be never to compromise."

If there are two Iain

Bankses on the page, off it there is only really one. He enjoys his image as a "slack-er". His working routine is simple. He starts work on a book in October and finishes it by Christmas, writing 3,000

Then he thinks about it for a month while the editor reads his first draft. Another week of intense writing and it is done. For the next six months he thinks about the next book. and has fun.

This is the Banks who likes downing pints in the pub, who happily admits to being a big kid, who goes to science fiction ance policy - once you have conventions, who studies maps and marks all the roads he has driven in Scotland with scenes it is a technical exercise. different coloured pencils. His ing fast, buying too many CDs and playing computer games. He is thinking about taking flying lessons. What Banks seems to have

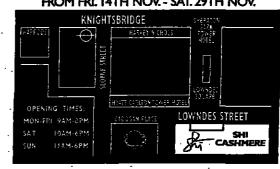
achieved is a perfect balance between his inner and outer life. When he goes outside, he is just another bloke. When he writes, he constantly walks to the edge of the precipice. Then he jumps off — and is contin-ually surprised to see that his audience has followed him. ● The Strange World of Iain Banks, ITV 10.50pm, November 16

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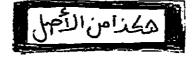


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Has Labour sold its soul for a Bernie?

John Lloyd on the need to redefine

the moral boundaries of politics

guise of acceptance, of El million from Bernie Ecclestone, coupled with the decision to exempt Formula One from the tobacco advertising ban, is Labour's first real crisis. It is real because it is deep - not just for the party. but for the Government and for democratic governance. It resides both within the party's procedures and culture; but nore seriously it lies outside both, in trends and movements over which it like all parties and governments, seems to have little control.

The party crisis can and will be weathered. Nothing points to an underlying failure of Labour in the country. William Hague is looking increasingly less like a boy doing a man's job - but he is still plodding through the foothills.

Yet I have heard more cynicism on this affair from within the party and the Government than on any other issue. One insider said that from now on all large donations would be called "Bernies": another that the policy with which he would be concerned could fail because nobody had put up enough money to see it through. Both were jokes; but with a bitter edge. a presumption of "us" who carry on representing the people or working in govern-ment, ranked against "them" in the inner circle who see

New Labour has an image crisis. It was presented to the electorate as the party of openness, honesty and transparency, confronting a Conservative Government whose sleaziness had made it incapable of inspiring the people. It mobilised sarcasm, revelation and, above all, moral outrage. Its promise was to squeeze sleaze out of public life; it recognised a lack of trust in politicians and promised to rebuild it, bit by bit.

Now it has been shown to be evasive on facts, grudgingly conceding information only under pressure and threatening towards those who pressed for an honest account. This was the kind of reaction we had come to expect from the

Labour can rightly claim that it moved rapidly to review the underlying situation of which the "Bernie" was an instance, but that is because it knows much better than did the last Government how to limit damage, not because it is more moral.

I do not believe Tony Blair exempted Formula One racing from the tobacco advertising ban because his party got a "Bernie": I did not believe that John Major, when Chancellor of the Exchequor in 1989, relieved foreigners of paying tax in this country because some of the wealthier among them were large donors to the Tory party. The Labour Party at the time said the affair stank, and they were right. It stank not because of Major's moral bona fides, but because there must have been a corner of his mind which was forever money — as there must also be with Tony Blair.

A study done in the University of Southern California has shown that senators were swayed by donors' interests on 25 per cent of their votes. obeying the dictates of the moneybags. It means that a little donor prompt bleeps from time to time. That is what they pay for, and that is - of

course — what they get.

Labour's reputation thus suffers. This means, in turn, that the Government's stock of trust and momentum drains away a little. Tony Blair did not just ask for the public's trust on moral grounds; he asked for it because he wants to dedicate his Government to large tasks which he believes the Tories left undone - and which clearly, towards the end, they were indeed unable to undertake with real energy.

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown clearly see that mechanisms, institutions and political culture must be reshaped to provide the economic and social infrastructure for a step change in the economy - the change from production to intellectual corporations. They must cope with the unremitting pressure from global competition and the rapidly growing expectations of both the workforce and the out-of-

Mr Blair is right; hard decisions have to be taken so that we can live with such change. Many of these deci-sions will be in a direction we know well from the past two decades - that of detaching the citizen from the State giving him or her increasing responsibility for providing for life's large events, accidents and tragedies. No one proposes any coherent other way. But this transition, alarming to millions, can be undertaken only by an Administration which enjoys a high reputation with the majority.

Democracy, finally, suffers from this, not because Labour is irredeemably sleazy, but because it shows itself unable, or unwilling, to take on the pressures which confront it.

nolitics is increasingly theatre. It is a spectacle designed for media attention. This is expensive both to mount and to maintain. The number of the very wealthy rises rapidly; some among them are individuals who wish to be active politically, not only for public-spirited reasons but because they want advantage for their corporations. New Labour's very success in presenting itself as a non-ideological machine as worthy of business support as are the Conservatives means there is now a straight compe-

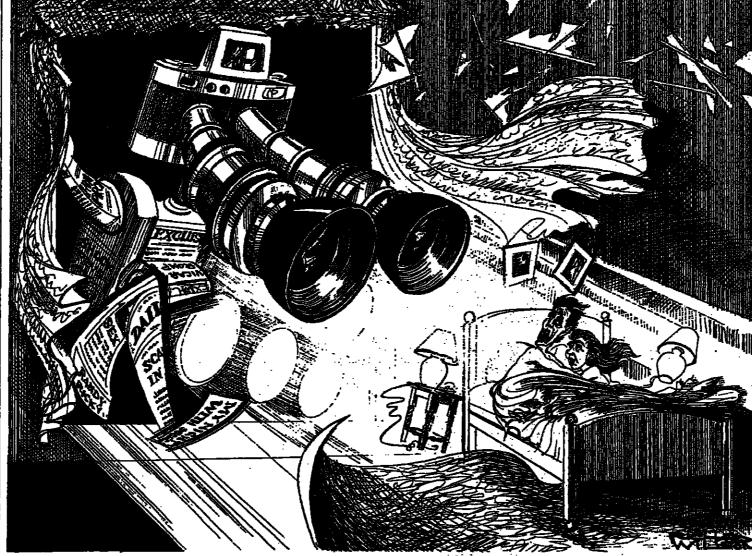
tition for corporate and millionaires' cash — which gives the latter choice, and tempts party leaders to offer a little more than the other guy. Labour did not invent these trends. It spotted them, went with them, has benefited from them. Now it sees the seamier side. It is suffering from having exposed itself. To combat that, and to regain trust, it must strive to be an island of modesty and probity in a sea of leaping affluence and blurred moral boundaries. A

rolling. But necessary, if its high aims are to rest on continued public support. The author is associate editor

of the New Statesman.

tough task, for a party which

has just learnt to enjoy high-



Feasting on heartbreak

his is a tale of five women. Each has stood within inches of the line of fire of the British media. None has herself been the target. None herself sought fame. All have been through hell. All are now forgotten. All are still alive. Two are silent, three speak. I have met and talked to these three

over the past few months. For BBC Radio 5 Live I have been making a series, The Politician, the Actress and the Bishop, now being broadcast. My subject is the scandals industry. Our focus has been not to rehash the scandals, but to investigate the process by which they became famous. How is behaviour which among most of our countrymen would be regarded as commonplace, if wrong, turned into a national

The inquiry has been intriguing in many ways; but what fascinated me most was the impact not upon the obvious targets - public figures in a major or minor way — but upon those private individuals who get caught in the crossfire: the wives and lovers who never wanted to be in the newspapers. I have had the chance to meet people over whose lives a tidal wave of public interest suddenly swept, briefly but with unimaginable force: leaving them astonished, wounded and beached.

I liked those I met, every one. They were better, nicer and more interesting women than stupid press caricatures would suggest.

Before introducing the first, Gillian Roberts, let me remind you of a tale which, being inconsequential, died as fast as it flared. It hit Mrs Roberts like this. She was at home in a village in North Yorkshire. Her husband had separated from her and was involved with another woman. She was watching the Boat Race when a iournalist from the News of the World knocked. Was she having an affair with the vicar?

She sent him away. The truth is she was. What she did not know, but (along with ten million readers of the News of the World) was shortly to discover, was that the newspaper had installed a hidden camera in a bookcase by her bed. They were about to publish pictures of her making love with the Rev Roger Holmes, who was shrieking (said the paper): "I'm the knicker vicar of North Yorkshire!" Her estranged husband, still nominally a householder, had let the newspaper install the camera while she was away. "I went into a complete panic when When the tabloids are on the scent of scandal, nobody is left unhurt

I registered what they had done," she told me. She searched desparately for hidden cameras. She showed me the hole in her bedside bookcase where one must have been installed.

It was, of course, the vicar, not she, who was the newspaper's target. But she felt utterly violated - in some ways more so than her male lover. I suppose I expected to meet some sort of giggling floozie. Instead I met an immensely thoughtful and civilised 35-year-old woman with a degree in English literature from the University of London and a master's degree in medieval literature. Of the pair,

more sensitive. Of the more grievously

I never met the vicar's wife. Mrs Lynn Holmes has steadfastly refused to talk to the press, though she could have made a great

Holmes will have seen everybody's side of the story published but her own. Of the trio, I suspect, she is the worst hurt of all.

Two women, then, neither the focus of media interest, but part of the collateral damage. Both are too strong for it to be fair to say their lives have been wrecked. But to talk to Gillian Roberts is to talk to the survivor of the equivalent of some horrific road accident, still staring into space and in a state of posttraumatic shock. Will she ever feel completely private, anywhere, again?

This, too, was the impression which Julia Stent gave. She was the former lover of the then Tory minister, Tim Yeo. His wife knew the affair had happened. Julia Stent's baby by him. Claudia, was only months old, and was recovering from hospital treatment, when her Christmas Eve three years ago was shattered by the arrival at her door of the press.

She endured some three months of nightmare. The media staked her out weeks, followed her to Lanzarote on an attempted holiday with her baby, telephoned her in the night, and even faked a call from an accident and emergency ward, claim-ing she had been seriously injured

and seeking from her appalled elderly mother (via her doctor's surgery) the name of the baby's next

"Hiding did me no good at all," she told me. "I stayed out of the way and the press had to invent a character." In fact, the press invented two, which they freely interchanged. Stent was a lover and a lawyer. Simple then — "slag and party-girl"; or "bossy, modern career-woman". "No average single mother," sneered The Guardian. "Few fallen women have fallen so squarely on their feet."

simpered The Sunday Times, "suc-

that if she would not talk, the News of the World might run

deal of money had she done so. Mrs the story along the lines of a jolly quiz - which of these ministers might be the father of Julia's baby?" - did she confirm her lover had been Yeo.

She told me she was offered huge sums for interviews - and astronomical sums to pose scantily clad. She refused, so the press said she was clamming up and "hiding". When she finally buckled and sold an interview to Hello! magazine because (she believed - correctly) they would treat her and her baby kindly, and the rest of the press might then go away, The Guardian attacked her. The Daily Star's commentary? "Hello - I smell a big rat - the hypocrisy makes me want to vomit. First Tim. Yeo's mistress begs the press to leave her alone then — hey presto! — she and her baby are splattered all over the pages of that brown-nosing magazine, Hello!"

Yet Julia Stent was not the target. In the end the media got their man: Tim Yeo resigned as minister. You may think they hurt him. No doubt. But I think they hurt her more.

And here, too, is a second woman at whose hurt we can only guess because she does not speak to reporters. Mrs Diane Yeo must have been wounded enough by the fact of her husband's affair, but the public humilation which followed — this was the biggest national news around over that whole Christmas period - will have been mortifying. She resisted the pressure to give "her side" in print. I think people who do not give interviews to reporters are absolute heroes.

And now for Joanna Whibley, who did finally speak to the BBC. I would have been tempted to make my fortune in the process. She never tried to. This is the woman who in the late Seventies had a relationship with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll, Roderick Wright. A son, Kevin, was born in 1981. I went to see her at home, a month ago.

She told a story of near-siege by the press, of neighbours bringing emergency food supplies, of her attempts ning a gauntlet on his way to school She showed us the slips of paper pushed under her door requesting interviews and offering special pro-Yeo girl loved a tection - and money. Persuaded that Tory at befrime. The sought nothing for herself, jourgiggled The Sun. nalists then tried to blackmail her Only when warned with offers for charitable causes how, they asked her, could she find it in her heart to deprive a charity? Finally she agreed to give the BBC her story. She believed they would play fairest with her.

> f all my interviewees, Joanna Whibley was the most painfully honest, and tortured about her own motives. She had both feared exposure, she said, yet found it a relief when it came. Church sources had never acknowledged her son's existence until she spoke. She was torn between an angry shame that he was being airbrushed out of the picture. and a desire to protect him from harassment. She had been talked into an injunction gagging the media from asking her son questions - and now Kevin, whom I think was longing to give his side of the story, could not be interviewed. He seemed an intelligent and loving son.

Two good people who haven't bared their hearts for money, trying to keep their heads above water on an estate near Eastbourne. Collateral damage in the onward rush of our growing national hysteria. I end the series with no brainwaves for putting things right. But do we have to go on

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Easier to admire than translate The Gospel according to St Keith may yet be found. Though if the textual scholars take as long interpreting it as they are for the Dead Sea Scrolls That lost book might as well stay To lie in obfuscation and to rot. Kipling's lost homosexual novel The sequel to Jane Eyre, A la Du temps perdu, Dante's Infer-Sir Gawain and the Technicolor Knight. But of all the paper treasures of the past, Shredded in the backward and abysm of time, The one we most desire is Shakespeare's own, Love's Labour's Won, a play which might unclasp For us the last book even of his secret soul. Love's Labour's Lost, his comedy With the King of Navarre and his three courtiers. Has never been the most popular of his plays. It is too full of puns and arch Too witty by half. But it has

moments too.

The words of Mercury

are harsh after the songs of Apollo. You, that way; we, this."
That farewell has a dying fall. Tears to the eyes. And when those four pretentious young gallants Each overhears each other confessing love, And breaking vows of austere Memory clicks: Sir Toby Belch Peep out from the box tree while Malvolio reads The treacherous letter setting him up as a gull; And Benedick is tricked to overhear How Beatrice is supposedly in love with him. While Beatrice is similarly set up to overhear How Benedick's in love with her. Love's Labour's Won Was listed as one of Shakespeare's comedies In 1598. For years It was identified with non-PC The Taming of the Shrew. But then both titles Were listed on a bookseller's So Love's Labour's Won may actually exist. In some paper mountain of old manuscript, The Bodleian, an Inn of Court, our own offices, To be found when we shift paper And if it does, it's worth a Grand Than Bernie's dosh, tobacco bungs or Mandy's slips.

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words, of course.

Smoking gun

ALAN MILBURN, the Health Minister responsible for NHS budgets lobbied Rothmans to keep open two huge factories in Co Durham that produce 900 million cigarettes a week. As his fellow Health Minister Tessa Jowell attempts to extricate herself from the row about her links with tobacco advertising in Formula One, Milburn has admitted that he contacted senior management at the Swiss conglomerate to save 1,400 jobs he feared were threatened in Darlington and Spennymoor. The MP for Darlington, whose department

spends £1.7 billion a year treating smokers, said on the eve of the election: "Neither [town] can afford to lose an employer like Rothmans. The consequences of closure don't bear thinking about." Milburn, former president of the MSF white-collar union until be-

coming an MP in 1992, delighted former comrades by his robust defence of an industry employing so many of his members. Milburn. a Gordon Brown crony, was drafted into the department as a safe pair of hands.

When I ran my scoop past Rothmans it said it would keep the MP informed should there be any possibility of job losses. If he is not too busy, that is, dealing with the 120,000 people who die here a year from lighting up.

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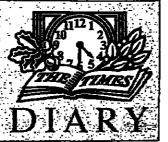
Milburn and 20 friends

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son, an associate with Architects Co-Partnership, was awarded a prize for designing a hospital in Gaza. Building Design magazine says the hospital. funded by a £23million EU grant, remains unused six months after completion.

Stirling work

HAVING scoured Persners, English Heritage has found digs to



carbuncle designed by the late Sir James Stirling. Problem. English Heritage spent five years campaigning against it when the site's owner, Lord Palumbo, first suggested it in 1984. The then chairman, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. objected that eight listed Victorian buildings would be demolished. Senior figures in English Heritage are unamused. Since Sir Jocelyn Stevens became chairman in 1992. priorities have changed. "Sir Jocelyn has decided the debate is closed," says a well-filled skirt there. Nothing to do with his close friend Palumbo, naturally.

• POSTSCRIPT to the appointment of Alec Reed, Labour donor. whom Tony Blair asked to investigate the bad state of education and training. His own empire. launch its annual report. No 1 Reed Executive, must have an im-Poultry, in the City, a monstrous peccable record on employment

rights? Er. not quite. Earlier this year an industrial tribunal found an offshoot guilty of sexual dis-crimination and wrongful dismiss-al against a pregnant manager who had worked there for 24 years. Marlene Turner had complained to Reed of harassment but the tri-bunal ruled that the matter had not been corrected. Reed told the tribunal: "We always fight tribu-nal cases and we always win." What a right-on guy.

Black arts

I HEAR that Conrad Black, Telegraph proprieter, has invited Tony Blair to speak at the annual dinner



of his Toronto-based Hollinger Group, in a London art gallery. Past speakers have included Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. I hope that Black, whose newspapers are still preoccupied with the Conservatives, is not dem-onstrating his affection for a leader of the Left a little too late.

● TESSA JOWELL, the embattled Health Minister, has cancelled plans today to present a Bella magazine prize to a woman who has given up smoking. Coward.

Jobsworth

DESPITE his much-vaunted humble roots, Michael Meacher is rather grand. So Whitehall is exercised by suggestions that the Environment Minister has appointed a special adviser, a privilege re-served hitherto for Cabinet members, paid from public funds. Meacher's office names Stephen Tindale as his special adviser. So what is Tindale's job? "I work closely with Mr Meacher," he says. When, I wonder, is a special adviser not a special adviser?

 FOR a man who collected families. Sir James Goldsmith's small and intimate memorial service was bereft of spouses. A discreet order



Kissin tell: Evgeny

some grand acolytes would have to leave wives at home. No mistresses, either.

Matushka

ALARMING news from that much admired stretch of trouser, Evgeny Kissin. Russian planist: when he weds he might continue to live with his parents. "In Russia children sometimes do so indefinitely." he says (from his folks' flat in New York). "I wouldn't mind nor I am sure would my wife." Sure, old boy. -

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DISILLUSION DAY

For all who thought that Labour government might be different

Tony Blair has learnt little from the mistakes of the Major administration. The last Prime Minister, when he was in trouble, would usually react too little, too late and under pressure. The result was that he looked weak and shifty, and rarely seemed in control of events. Anyone who had been out of the country since April might now return and wonder what has changed.

The saga of tobacco sponsorship, Formula One, and the donations of its boss, Bernie Ecclestone, is a new lesson in how not to conduct government. The masters of media manipulation have allowed themselves to be driven by the media. Each time that The Times has revealed a fact - from the size of Mr Ecclestone's first donation to the possibility of a second - Labour has produced only the minimum most defensive

This pattern has been evident from the very beginning. Mr Blair did not, as he suggested, ask Sir Patrick Neill for advice on whether to accept Mr Ecclestone's money as soon as he had reached the decision to exempt Formula One from the sponsorship ban. He did so when it became clear that newspapers were going to publish the existence of a donation.

Then, when Labour agreed to follow Sir Patrick's advice and repay the money, it refused to reveal the size of the donation, or the fact that another had been offered. Only when The Times found out that it was nearer £1 million than £5,000 did the party admit that fact. But even then, it took more iournalistic investigation to discover what Labour had tried to hide that another gift had been offered since.

It is not only the public that has been deceived. So has Sir Patrick. When Labour's General Secretary, Tom Sawyer, wrote to the chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, he made no mention of the huge size of Mr Ecclestone's donation. Doubtless he hoped that, by sticking to the "more than £5,000" formula, Sir Patrick would dismiss it as trivial and advise that it could be kept.

Luckily for Sir Patrick, his instinct took him in the other direction. As it turns out, the decision he made was exactly right. But it might not have been. This was a disgraceful attempt to exploit Sir Patrick's inexperience in the job and to mislead him through

Labour has also dragged its feet in releasing the text of Mr Sawyer's letter and The Times has had to resort to other sources to see a copy of Sir Patrick's reply. Now that the former has been published, Labour's evasiveness is easier to understand. Mr Sawyer's letter reads as if he was not even asking Sir Patrick to rule on Mr Ecclestone's first gift, only on the propriety of accepting the second. The party was shocked to be advised to return the El million as well. But it has still tried to take credit for acting with honour.

The Conservatives will inevitably struggle to criticise Labour for its actions; in power they were even more secretive. But Labour, by being only half-open, has made matters far worse than they needed to be. The party should have admitted both donations actual and potential - from the start, along with their amounts. Then, when Mr Blair was minded to change policy, ne should have said so openly, giving time and opportunity for opponents to put their case. It may well be true, as he claims, that he took "the right decision for the right reasons". But he has given the public no chance to put this claim to the test.

In order to avoid being accused of succumbing to undue influence, the Prime Minister should have taken the greatest pains to consult, explain and open up decision-making. Instead, we have seen shiftiness and cover-up. For many supporters of Mr Blair, this week will mark the beginning of disillusionment.

CHALLENGE TO CLINTON

Iraq cannot be allowed to choose its own inspectors

Subtlety is not Saddam Hussein's best known trait of character. His decision to expel American arms monitors operating for the United Nations in Iraq is simple to decipher. He has sensed division in the ranks of those who once sought to eliminate his biological, chemical and nuclear weapons capacity. The UN Security Council resolution which was adopted on Wednesday meekly failed to find Iraq in "material breach" of its international obligations and fell short of repeating its warning of "serious consequences" if Baghdad did not conform swiftly. The travel ban imposed on Iraqi officials will be, at most, an inconvenience. His offer to tolerate resumed external inspection without the excluded Americans is not a concession of any standing. The unfortunate price of unity among the five permanent members at the UN has been ambiguity in their message.

None of this is the fault of the Clinton Administration. The United States and Britain would have preferred a very much stronger resolution. This would have been entirely justified by the facts. Saddam's obstructionism can only be the outcome of his continued determination to construct and consolidate his considerable arsenal.

The credibility of the UN will be destroyed if Saddam is again allowed to continue in this fashion. The Security Council must make it clear - in language that is open to but one interpretation - that the UN, not Iraq, will determine its inspectorate. Saddam must be told that if his activities cannot be assessed on the ground then they will be bombed from the air. The Iraqi dictator has made his latest move because he has perceived weakness. He will now only be checked by a show of strength. Sufficient rigour may yet, as it has done in the past, ensure his compliance.

It cannot be assumed that this will automatically happen. Saddam might calculate that his opponents have little stomach for the use of force or will only engage in an exercise of a symbolic and superficial character. President Clinton may be required to disabuse him of that notion. There will be many in Washington urging restraint on the White House. It will be argued that firm action risks the fragmentation of the Gulf War coalition. It will be noted that American relations with the Arab world are already at a dangerously low ebb. It will be suggested that a protracted struggle with Iraq is against the President's personal and political interests. Mr Clinton might conclude from all this advice that a limited strike, avoiding any possible casualties one that gave Saddam "a bloody nose" would be the safest option.

It would not be safe in the only sense that matters. That is the eradication of Iraq's illegal weapons. There is every suspicion that the most significant material has been stored in dense population centres. These are precisely the sites from which the UN inspectors have been precluded. Their location is the result of Saddam's strategy. He is determined to shape not only the diplomatic, but also the military, moves made against him. Mr Clinton cannot allow Iraq to select American targets or UN inspectors. A coherent allied stance should make an armed assault redundant. If not, Iraq's most fundamental breach of the ceasefire accords should be met by the most comprehensive military response.

ATTENTION ALL SHIPPING

Why should ferry operators pay for ministerial blunders?

The European Union's Dublin Convention on asylum-seekers, ratified by Britain in 1992, has landed this Government in difficulty. Britain rejected the applications for asylum lodged in Dover by hundreds of gypsies from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. But it is no longer legally empowered simply to put them on a return ferry to France or Belgium, whence they arrived in this country. Instead, it must transport them all the way home. The irritation of Mike O'Brien, the Home Office Immigration Minister, is understandable. But to shift the entire cost of the airfares onto the cross-Channel ferry companies, P&O and Stena, is manifestly inequitable; and his threat to open criminal proceedings against

them if they refuse is outrageous. Mr O'Brien says airily that the ferry operators "cannot just dump people at a UK port and abandon their responsibilities". What responsibilities? Ferry companies do not make the law. They are also not immigration officers and should not be expected to act as though they were. His point would be fair had they knowingly taken on board passengers without visas or valid travel documents to this country. But these coachloads of travellers came to

Britain entirely legally. Mr O'Brien's legal case for forcing the companies to pay rests on Article 8 of the 1971 Immigration Act. This says that if, for any reason, an immigration officer refuses entry to a passenger, he may direct the

owners of the ship or aircraft which brought them here either to put them back on board, or "to make arrangements for his removal" in any ship or aircraft and to any destination that the immigration officer specifies. The companies are already paying the detention costs of the Gypsies in Dover — as the Act unequivocally, and unfairly, obliges them to do. Leaving aside whether to "make arrangements" is the same as "to pay for", the purpose of the Act can never have been to force companies which have accepted a cheap cross-Channel fare to bear the vastly higher costs of a long journey by air.

The companies have, rightly, objected to this impost. Rather than face the costs of a legal challenge, they have reluctantly shipped the occasional case home before; but this latest demand is a serious strain on the profitability of ferries already operating on a very tight margin. They argue, further, that the French Government has been willing to accept any passenger returned within 24 hours; it is hardly the ferry operators' fault that the Home Office takes far longer than that to process cases.

This alone would seem to amount to "reasonable excuse" under Article 27 (b) (iii) of the Act, the clause under which the Government proposes to prosecute - and which also refers to an obligation to make arrangements, rather than to pay. Stena and P&O should take the Government to court: and if they lose, Parliament should change

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why I made my gift to Labour

From Mr Bernie Ecclestone

Sir, Sir Patrick Neill's recommendation to the Labour Party that it repay my only donation to the party is wellintentioned but wrong unless Conservative and Labour both now repay all donations from anyone who might appear to have benefited from government decisions (reports, November 11, 12 and 13).

When I made my donation, Labour was not in power. It was their stated intention to ban tobacco advertising. to abolish the pound and to ensure that only criminals possess handgurs. I disagree with all these policies, but it would never have occurred to me to insult Mr Blair by suggesting that he change them in return for money.

I made a donation to the Labour

Party because I believe Mr Blair to be a person of exceptional ability who, if free to act, would do an outstanding job for our country. This, I thought, depended on independence from old-fashioned vested interests in the labour movement. My gift was intended to contribute to this. There were no strings attached. I have just paid an annual personal tax bill of £27 million for the simple privilege of living in England rather than a tax haven. With so large an investment, it is reasonable to pay a million or two extra as a contribution to a free and inde-

pendent government for my country.
When Mr Max Mosley and I visited Mr Blair on October 16 to discuss tobacco advertising we had already secured the support of several EU governments. Our case was overwhelming -- a ban in the EU would have undesirable side effects but achieve no reduction in Formula One publicity for tobacco, while on the other hand the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile could offer a significant compulsory worldwide reduction in return for an EU exemption. My donation did not come into it - the case made itself, just as it had elsewhere in

I am all in favour of reform in political funding. Governments should be free from the influence of special interests be they trade unions, business or single-issue pressure groups. But until these reforms are in place, I should enjoy the same rights as everyone else. These include the right to make donations to any political party I choose. Anything less implies that I have done something wrong and is a gross, insulting and irrational restriction of my freedom.

I have written to Sir Patrick asking him to reconsider his decision.

B. ECCLESTONE, Formula One Administration Ltd, 6 Princes Gate, SW7. November 13.

Yours faithfully,

Tobacco sponsorship From the Director General of

the Cancer Research Campaign Sir, Five years ago we published a compelling summary of all current evidence showing the influence of tobacco adverts on children. One study showed that children as young as six associated cigarettes with fast cars and motor racing. The publication had no impact on

the Government, but was exploited by the tobacco industry which targeted more of its advertising at the young. Now we have a new study, published in *The Lancet* this week, which shows that boys are nearly twice as

likely to become regular smokers if they are motor racing fans. If any further proof was needed to show that tobacco needs Formula One as much as Formula One needs tobacco, your report today (later editions)

that BAT Industries is expected to buy a Formula One team should suffice. The tobacco industry must recruit half a million new smokers each year in Europe to replace the same number who die from their product. By allowing the industry to sponsor Formula One, the Government is helping them

Yours sincerely. GORDON McVIE, Director General, Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, NWI.

November 13.

achieve that objective.

From Professor Tony Eccles Sir, A central plank in Formula One's

claim for continued tobacco industry sponsorship is that 50,000 jobs could be put at risk without it (letters, November 7, 11). That is utterly tendentious. The likely figure is close to zero. When an industry clusters, as with

Formula One in Britain, the concentration of critical skills makes its continuing attractions all but irresistible. That is why foreign banks flock to the City: why Hollywood remains vital to feature-film making; why Silicon Val-ley flourishes — despite many attempts to undermine them.

In motor racing, Britain has been dominant in Indycar design - without being based in the US. Ferrari's British chief designer successfully insisted on being based in Surrey and wouldn't even move to Italy. If location really did not matter, motorracing design and construction would long ago have departed to Japan. The FI races may shift towards the Far East, but there are plenty of other formulae to fill European tracks - most of them less boring than a grand prix procession - sponsored by more appealing industries than tobacco.

TONY ECCLES 12 Greville Place, NW6.

Call for new thinking on Iraq crisis

Baghdad.

economic benefits.

RIA-Novosti

119021 Moscow.

November 12.

VALENTIN KUNIN,

4 Zubovsky Boulevard,

From the Director of the

United Nations Association of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, It is tragic that, once again, the

Iraqi Government has failed to re-

spond positively to the great efforts of

the UN Secretary-General to secure a

non-military resolution of the current

crisis. While we believe that these ef-

forts should continue, we would sup-

port additional measures against indi-

vidual Iraqi leaders, such as the with-

drawing of travel visas, the freezing of

personal foreign bank accounts and

Should military action finally be

deemed necessary it is essential that

this should be authorised by a specific

UN Security Council Resolution and that the Council remain in control of

the operation throughout. Unilateral

action by the US would only play into

Any military action should be tar-

geted only at military sites, and due

warning must be given to any civil-

ians used as human shields for mili-

tary installations to leave the areas

concerned. It is also vital that the Sec-

retary-General and the members of

the Security Council should continue

and intensify their consultations with

governments in the region, including

Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

by those who toil to meet our daily

needs, trade - fair trade, not aid - is

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM HARPER, Director,

United Nations Association of

3 Whitehall Court, SWI.

November 10.

Saddam Hussein's hands.

jor oil deals with Iraq and is keen to

get back billions of dollars worth of debts from Iraq, is extremely interest-

ed in the normalisation of the situa-

tion in that country and an early lift-

ing of international sanctions on

that Russia would support his open

challenges to the world community are unrealistic. The Kremlin is hardly

likely to sacrifice its global geopoliti-

cal interests and back an unpredict-

able regime for the sake of minor

However, Saddam's calculations

From Dr Ahmad Chalabi, President of the Iraqi National Congress

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Exploding the myth. November 12) is quite correct to point out that seven years of sanctions and bombing have probably served to bolster rather than weaken Saddam Hussein.

It is time for a new Iraq policy, one that will end Saddam's regime, not one that would allow him to rebuild his nuclear, biological and chemical arsenal. Britain should take the lead in taking effective action to remove Saddam. A good first step would be to indict him and his associates for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

This should be followed by concerted support for the democratic Iraqi Opposition to work from its base i northern Iraq to oust the regime and establish a government that respects democracy, human rights and international law

Yours sincerely AHMAD CHALABI. President, Iraqi National Congress, 124-128 Barlby Road, W10. November 12

From Mr Valentin Kunin

Sir, Ever since the beginning of the current crisis, high-ranking Russian diplomats have been engaged in in-tensive talks with the Iraqi leadership, trying to persuade Baghdad to back down from its tough stand and not to interfere with the UN ad hoc commission's work.

On November 5 Foreign Minister Evgeni Primakov stated that "Moscow intends to protest vigorously against anti-Iraq military operations, considering them harmful to the normalisation of the situation both in Iraq and outside." It was also thanks to Moscow's efforts that Saddam Hussein agreed to allow a UN Security Council delegation to visit Baghdad in the first place.

The Iraqi leader has failed to drive a wedge between permanent members of the Security Council as regards their attitude to his latest demarche. Moscow has made it quite plain that Irag's decision to restrict the work of the commission was unacceptable, because it breaches the Security Council resolution, binding on all states and subject to complete fulfilment. Moscow, which has concluded ma-

Commons cuppas

From Mr A. G. Bryer

Sir, Mr Gary Streeter, MP, boasts (Diary, November 12) that he is "happy to drink [his] coffee wherever it comes from" and dismisses the Commons' decision to use only Fairtrade coffee (which ensures a fair deal for Third World farmers) as "a gimmick".

Fortunately many people, myself included, feel that those who produce our coffee (and tea) should receive a reasonable return and to this end we try to buy Fairtrade branded products, now increasingly available in the large supermarkets. I am delighted to see that our elected representatives will be doing the same, whether by

choice or not. Beyond a desire to do the right thing

surely the most effective way to help much of the Third World; last February's BBC2 television documentary on the production of mangetout in Zim-babwe (television review, February 27) showed how little of what we pay for such produce finds its way to the pickers at the other end of the food

But the encouraging thing is that by paying very little more we could make a real difference to Third World farmers' standard of living. May we please he given more chances to do so.

collected for artificial insemination.

which is more convenient and much

less expensive than test-tube concep-

tion (IVF). The results of a clinical trial

If this proves to be a breakthrough

for avoiding the conception of boys

suffering from serious genetic diseas-

es, such as haemophilia or Duchenne

muscular dystrophy, it should be wel-

comed. But its medical justification

could quickly fade into the back-

ground as a result of demand for sex

Perhaps in the hope of nipping the

new technology in the bud, the Dutch

Health Ministry is about to close the only gender clinic in their country.

Such is the strength of human desire

for reproductive freedom, however,

that attempts to control sex-selection

technology are likely to be futile.

Yours sincerely.

ROGER GOSDEN.

selection for more trivial reasons.

Yours faithfully, TONY BRYER. 5a Waldegrave Gardens. Twickenham, Middlesex. November 13.

in the US are awaited.

Sex selection

From Professor R. G. Gosden

Sir, Five years after the opening of the London Gender Clinic, you report (Weekend, November 8) the British launch of la méthode française for choosing either a boy or a girl. Like other businesses offering family balancing", the French organisation Rightbaby is cold-shouldered by academic scientists and condemned by defenders of natural processes - but very profitable at £199 a try. What medical treatment can bypass costly tests and professional scrutiny and still be confident in a success rate of at least 50 per cent?

These services are unlikely to upset society's natural sex-ratio yet, but there is a new method which might. By sorting sperm into male and fe-male types the sex of calves and other farm animals can be predetermined within about 90 per cent certainty. No pseudoscience, this method uses a laser device to distinguish female from male sperm by their larger DNA content. When the machine is operated fast enough, sufficient sperm can be

Teaching methods

From the Secretary of The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference

Sir, Libby Purves ("When will we ever learn?", November 4) was right to pay tribute to Gillian duCharme's efforts in going from the headmistress's chair at Benenden to teach for a week in an inner-city comprehensive. Why this should be used as an opportunity to accuse the Headmasters' Conference (sic) of unwillingness to build bridges with the maintained sector and to attack teaching methods in the independent sector is beyond me.

If more is not being done to help children from inner cities and deprived backgrounds in independent schools, the reasons lie elsewhere.

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University of Leeds, Division of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary,

Leeds LS2 9NS. Schools in HMC have made it clear to ministers that they are willing to con-

sider any reasonable proposal and to join a working party for this purpose. Within the independent sector there are many different kinds of schools, some of which were in the maintained sector for much of their history. They continue to educate children whose friends and neighbours are in state

schools, though the loss of assisted places will diminish that role. Many of the outstanding teachers in such independent schools have previously had successful careers in the maintained sector. I recently inspected an inner-city, independent, grammar school and saw little of the lecturing style which Ms Purves cites as one of the notorious failings of teachers at private schools". Teachers in that school use a variety of teaching

styles appropriate to the needs of the

Yours faithfully. V. S. ANTHONY, Secretary, HMC, 130 Regent Road, Leicester.

pupils and the subject.

Woodward verdict through the media

From Ms Gail Wilde

Sir, Here in the US, our justice system has what we call the "Oprah Winfrey syndrome": in other words, if a defen-dant or plaintiff cries, the jury will find in their favour, no matter what the facts. But if the defendant/plaintiff is stony-faced, that person is reviled, and will be shown no mercy. I do not watch trials on TV because they are nothing more than soap operas pandering to the emotions of the public. It's a sickness that has destroyed true

Many of my friends who have been using au pairs are finding another way to have their children taken care of while they are at work: I keep hearing them say they are terrified that the au pairs will murder their babies. Our media loves to foster such panic and,

from what I hear, so does yours. Thank God my children are grown (and still childless) and I no longer have to worry about such stuff.

Yours etc GAIL WILDE, 77 Parkgate Drive. Atlanta, 30328-1074 Georgia. idaho432@randomc.com November II.

From Dr Izhar Khan

Sir. A jury in a civilised Western country convicts a lady of murdering an infant, the judge changes the verdict to manslaughter and the child's parents are distraught. Yet on her release from prison a small village in England and most of the British media have engaged in an orgy of celebration and virtually raised her to the status of a British heroine.

Have we completely taken leave of our moral sense or am I missing something?

Yours sincerely IZHAR KHAÑ. 101 South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen. i.khan@abdn_ac.uk November 11.

From Mr Ken Loveland

Sir. The spectacle of Brits celebrating the release of convicted child killer Louise Woodward by drinking and cheering, speaks volumes on the precipitous decline of your once great country.

Yours etc. KEN LOVELAND, PO Box 93, Burlington, 82411 Wyoming. klovelan@sprynet.com November 10.

Brown and Orwell

From Mr John Wolstenholme

Sir, Further to Melvyn Bragg's article, "The Chancellor keeps the aspidistra flying" (November 10), I would add the following postscript.

Gordon Brown last week attended a London Film Festival reception for the new film of George Orwell's book Keep the Aspidistra Flying. His informal attendance at such an event may not have been solely because of an interest in "his hero" Orwell (real name: Blair).

More importantly, perhaps it was also due to a recognition of something which the US has held dear to its heart for some seventy years. Namely that, in financial and cultural terms. films can do wonders for a nation's

Yours faithfully. JOHN WOLSTENHOLME (Executive Producer, Keep the Aspidistra Flying), Bashford Lodge, Hillbrow Road, Liss, Hampshire. November 11.

Seeing stars

From Mr Malcolm Farrow Sir, I hate to be a spoilsport and crit-

icise the excellent cartoon by Peter Brookes today, but it is perfectly possi-ble to fly the EU flag upside down and this frequently occurs. I admit the error does not have the dramatic impact of flying the Union Flag upside down, however. The 12 stars on the EU flag have five

points each - actually they are cor-rectly called "mullets", because an heraldic "star" has six points or more. When flown correctly a single point of each mullet should be uppermost and two points should face downwards like legs; the other two points being horizontal.

All 12 mullets on the flag should point up and down in this manner, just as they do on the Stars and Stripes (or more correctly the "Mullets and

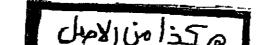
M. J. D. FARROW, Carlings, 42a Durford Road. Petersfield, Hampshire. November II.

Three-point turn

From Mr George Edwards

Sir, Was it not remarkably prescient of the founders of Mercedes-Benz to select a radiator badge that looks the same at any angle (report and photograph, November 13)?

Yours sincerely. GEORGE EDWARDS, 20 Fairways Drive. Harrogate, North Yorkshire.



Memorial services

Moran, Lord Morris of Castle Morris, Lord Murray of Epping Forest.

Lord Murton of Lindisfarme, Baroness O'Cathain, Lord and Lady Onslow of Woking, Lord Owen, CH, and Lady Owen, Lord Palmer, Lord and Lady Peyion of Yeovil, Baroness Pile, Baroness Pilat of Writtle, Lord Pym, Lord Rees, QC, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Roberts of Couny, Lord Rochester, Lady Salhoun, Baroness Seroits. Baroness Sharples, Lord Shauphnessy, Lord and Lady Shaw of Northstead, Lord Sheepherd, Lord and Lady Shaw of Northstead, Lord Sheepherd, Lord and Lady Shaw of Northstead, Lord Stoddarf of Swindon, Lord Strabold, Baroness Strange, dates representing the War Widows Association), Lord and Lady Swinfen, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Lord Thomas of Gwydir, QC, Lady Thompseyord, Lord Thumas of Gwydir, QC, Lady Thompseyord, Lord Thumas of Welgewood, Lord Waterlam, Baroness Warnock, Lord Wedgewood, Lord Waterlam, Lord Willierforce, Lord Wilson of Riewabl. Lord Wilson of Riewabl. Lord Wilson of Riewabl. Lord Wilson of Lord Weston, Mr. Michael Ancram, Mp. and Lady Shar Ancram.

Tady Serena Bridgerman, the Hon Anne Goronwy-Roberts, the Hon Alexander Howe, Dr the Hon Shirley Summerskill, the Hon Mrs Williams Wilson, Helen Lady Dudley-Williams, Sir George and Lady Kennard, Caroline Lady Rhys Williams.



COURT CIRCULAR

Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Alastnir Aird at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Viscount Tonypandy which was held in Westminster Abbey today. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 13: The Prince of Wales. President, the Phoenix Trust, this

morning attended a meeting at St

morning attended a meeting at St James's Pallare.

His Royal Highness today attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Tompandy which was held in Westminster Abbey.

The Prince of Wales, President, Prince of Wales, Pres

Prince's Trust this afternoon pre-sented The Prince's Trust-Bro 1997

Awards for sustainable development in Wales at St James's Palace.
His Royal Highness, President, later presented the annual honorary degrees and awards at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort

Road, London SW7, The Prince of Wales afterwards received the Rt Hon Clare Short MP (Secretary of State for International

Development).

His Royal Highness this evening attended the British Indian Golden Jubilee Banquet, celebrating fifty years of India's independence, at the

Grosvenor House Hotel, London WI.
KENSINGTON PALACE
November 13: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants
Bureau, this afternoon presented the
Consultants of the Year Awards at I
Whitehall Place, London SWI.
The Duchess of Gloucester, also
representing Princess Alice, Duchess
of Gloucester and The Duke of
Gloucester, today attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
the Viscount Tonypandy which was
held in Westminster Abbey.
YORK HOUSE

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representing The Duchess of Kent, today attended the Service of Thanks-

today attended me Service or I hanss-giving for the Life of the Viscount Tonypandy which was held in West-minster Abbey.

His Royal Highness, President, the Engineering Council, this afternoon presented the President's Award to Sir Anthony Gill

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The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the National Electronics Council, later attended the Mountainen Memorial Lecture at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London W72

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 13: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace

Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mrs Mary Robinson (United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights) and Mr Nicholas Robinson were received by Her Majesty and remained to Luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Gala Reception at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in the presence of The King of Sweden, to celebrate the exhibition "Carl and Karin Larsson: Creators of the Swedish Style". Creators of the Swedish Style". His Royal Highness, Patron and Twelfith Man, today presented the Lord's Taverners Trophy at Bucking-hum Balverners.

ham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chan-cellor, University of Cambridge, this afternoon attended the Confederation of British Industry's Luncheon for the

of British Industry's Luncheon for the Cambridge Foundation at the Man-darin Oriental Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SWI. His Royal Highness, Colonel, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Grenadier Guards Regimental Coun-cil at Buckingham Palace. The Queen and The Duke of Ediphyroth ware researched by the

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Tonypandy (a former Speaker of the House of Commons) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

The Princess Margaret, Cour

of Snowdon was represented by the Lord Napier and Ettrick. November 13: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Army Board at the State Apart-ments, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3. November 13: The Princess Royal,

November 13: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning attended the Carers Together Day at the Diamond Centre, Nene Park, Irthlingborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire (Sir John Lowther).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Eddie Stobart Building, Daventry, and afterwards opened the new Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (Railport).

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening Incid a Private Appeal Dinner at

held a Private Appeal Dinner at Buckingham Palace. CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE

November 13: Colonel Professor John

Pearn today had the honour of being
received by Queen Elizabeth The

Queen Mother. Colonel-in-Chief.

Royal Australian Army Medical

Corps, upon assuming his appointment as Representative Honorary

Colonel.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal Star and Garter Home at

Birthdays today King Hussein of Jordan celebrates his 62nd birthday roday.

The Prince of Wales celebrates his 49th birthday inday.
Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman, Barratt Developments, 70; Dr Boutros Bourros Ghali, former Section 15, 100 ft. 1

etary-General, United Nations, 75: Mr Quentin Crewe, writer, 7i; Mr James Crowden, Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, 70; Mr Paul Dacre, Editor, Daily Mall, 49; Lord Daw-son, 49; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist. son, 49; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist, 49; Mr David Elstein, chief executive, Channel 5 Bruadcasting, 53; Mr Stefano Gabbana, fashinn designer, 35; Mr Claes Hultman, chairman, Wembley Group, 51; Mr Peter Katin, pianist, 67; Mr Mark Le Panu, general secretary, Society of Authors, 51; the Earl of Liverpool, 53; Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 90; Miss Diana Skilbeck, Headmistress. The Queen's School, Chester, 55; Sir The Oueen's School, Chester, 55; Sir Dudley Smith, former MP, 71; Sir Joseph Smith, former director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 67; Mr Koji Tatsumo, fashion designer, 35; Sir Arthur Watts, QC, 66.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The 319th Annual General Court of Governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy was held yesterday at Lambeth Palace. Mr L.H.G. Trimm, Senior Treasurer, was in the Chair. The following were elected Treasurers for the

year ensuing:
Mr LH.G. Trimm, Mr T.D.
Baxendale and the Rev David
Burgess. The Governors elected the
following to the Court of Assistants:
Mr M.G. Rupp and Mr R.A.M.
Welsford.

Appointments Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Mrs Ruth Deech has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Hu-man Fertilisation and Embryology

Authority. Mrs Jane Denton has been appointed as Deputy Chairman, and Professor Andrew Grubb has been appointed and Professor Allan Templeton reappointed as Members.

Viscount Tonypandy

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Baroness Parrington of Ribbleton and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Captain Sir Alastair Aird at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Viscount Tonypandy held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Wales was present. The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon

Mrs Legge-Bourke, Princess Margaret by Major Lord Napier and Estrick and Princess Alice Lord Napier and Estrick and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Gloucester by the Duchess of Gloucester. The Duke of Kent also represented the Duchess of Kent. Prince Michael of Kent was represented by the Marquess of Reading and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Penton, Precentor. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, led the prayers.

prayers.

The Speaker and Lord Weatherill read the lessons and Lord Cledwyn of Penrisos, CH, read from The Christian Heritage in Politics (1959) by George Thomas. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, gave an

address.

The Very Rev David Edwards, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, the Rev Dr Anthony Harvey, Sub-Dean of Westminster, Canon David Hutt, Canon John McDonald, also representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Rev Brian Hoare, Methodist Central Hall, the Rev Dr John Tudor and the Rev Derek Aldridge were robed and seated in the Sacrarhum.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 13: Princess Alexandra
this morning visited Ravenswood
Village, Crowthorne, and was received by Sir William Benyon (Vice
Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County
of Berkshire).

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Rt Hon Sir Angus
Ogilvy at the Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of the Viscount
Tonypandy which was held in Westminster Abbey today. Kirktord.

Lord Flowers, FRS, Baroness Pookes, Lord Gilbert,
Lord Glenamara, Chi, Lady Goronwy-Roberts, Lord
and Lady Griffiths of Fforesthach, Lord Harding of
Petherton, Lord Hardy of Wath, Lord Higgins, Lord
Holderness, Baroness Hooper, Lord Hoosen, Oc. and
Lady Hoosen, Lord Howell, Lord and Lady Hont of
Wirtal, Lord Hussey of North Bradley (representing
the Royal Manden NHS Trust), Baroness Hyllon-

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Salters' Homeless City Foyer, \$5.59 West Smithfield, ECA, at 11.00; the Queen and the Duke of Million; the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a farewell luncheon on board HMY Britannia in the Pool of London at 12.25; and will give a reception a Windsor Castle to mark the comple tion of the restoration at 5.30. The Prince of Wales and Prince Edward

will be present.

King George's Fund for Sailors, will attend a dinner on board HMY Bri-tannia in the Pool of London at 8.10. The Princess Royal, as president, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Helen David English Eccentrics, the Postmen's Office, 30 Leighton Road, Kentish Town, at 11.30; as president, Rural Housing Trust, will attend a hundreen Housing Trust, will amend a mincheson at the Royal Veterinary College, London University, Royal College Street, NWI, at 12.30: as president, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Links of London, 94 Jermyn Street, W2, at 2.15 and will visit Ghost, 52 Kernal Bond, 190, et 300.

Princess Margaret, as president, the RSSPCC, will attend the Touch of

Rennard, Caroline Lady Rhys Williams. Lady Arbuthnot, Sir Robert Balchin, Lady Barias, Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Robert Balchin, Lady Barias, Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Robin Butler, Sir Michael and Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Sir Michael and Lady Checkiand, Lady Comnet, Lady Cholin, Sir Charles Davies, Sir Charles Gordon, Sir Anthony Grant, Lady Corden, Sir Alan, Flaselhursi, MP, Sir Robin Haydon, Lady Holland Martin, Sir John Hung, Geneni Sir Beward Jones, Sir Philip and Lady Lones, Sir Victor Le Fanu, Sir Montague and Lady Lirmon, Sir Donald and Lady Limon, Sir Michael Marshall, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Robert McCrindle, Li Colonel Sir John Miller, Sir Fergus Montgomery, Sir Michael Neubert. Sir John and Lady Osborn, Sir John and Lady Page. Pergus Montgomey, Sir Michael Neubert. Sir John and Lady Osborn, Sir John and Lady Page, the Rey Sir Derek Patthnson, Sir Raymond Powell, MP and Lady Page, the Rey Sir Derek Patthnson, Sir Raymond Powell, MP and Lady Powell. Sir Gordon Reces, Sir Percepting Rinds, Sir Michael Scott, Sir Giller Shew, Lady Shernborg, Sir Peter Tagoet, MP, Sir Peter and Lady Short, Sir Roger Sims, Sir Michael Spicer, MP, Lady Shernborg, Sir Peter Tagoet, MP, Sir Peter and Lady Anne Inorne, Sir Cyfli Townsend (Council for the Advancement of Arabitish Understanding) and Lady Townsend, Sir Gordon Higginson and Mr Derek Scholled (Southampton University), Sir Millam van Stranbenzoe, Sir Raymond Whitney, MP, and Lady Whitney, Sir Paul Wright, the Rev Norman and Lady Elizabeth Drummond.

Royal engagements | Dinners

Army Board
The Duke of York attended a dinner
given by the Army Board last night at
the Royal Hospital Chelsea to meet
General Jehangir Karamat, Chief
of Army Staff Pakistan Army, General
Sir Roger Wheeler, Chief of the
General Staff, was the host. Gray's Lun

Gray's tim Judge Esyr Lewis, QG, Treasurer of Gray's Inn, and the Masters of the Bench were the hosts at a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of 1912 Club Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP, was th

guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held at the House of Commons last night by invitation of Mr David Amess, MP, chairman of the club. Amess, MP, charman of the cito.

Gardeners' Company
Mr Peter Franklin, Master of the
Gardeners' Company, assisted by the
Wardens, presided and presented the
Gardeners' Company prizes to students from Wye College and RHS
Wisley at the autumn court dinner
held last night at Merchant Taylors'

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Rear-Admiral James Carine, Master of the Company of Chartered Sec-retaries and Administrators, assisted

by the Wardens, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Staple Inn

Anglo-Peringuese Society
Mr Mark Fisher, Minister for the
Arts, and Dr Rui Vilar, Trustee of the
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation,
were the guests of humour and
speakers at the angual dinner of the Anglo-Portuguese Society held last night at the Langham Hilton Hotel. The Portuguese Ambassador, Dr. José Gregório Faria, presided and re-ceived the guests with Mrs Faria and Mr David Pownall chairman of the recentive committee, and Mrs Pownall. The Ambassador of Angola and the High Commissioner for Mozambique were present.

Printers' Charitable Corporation
Mr Jeremy Marshall, President of the
Printers' Charitable Corporation,
presided at the 170th festival dinner and dance held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. After the dinner, Mr Frank Barlow, chair-man of council, announced that Sir David English would be president for

surveyors division of the Building Surveyors division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held last night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Hyde Park.

Mr Donald Anderson, MP, and Mrs Anderson, Miss Hillary Armstrong, MF, Mr David Andreson, MP, Mr Tony Saldry, MP, Mr Peter Bottomies, MP, and Mrs Virginia Sotiomies, MP, Mr Christopher Crope, Mr, Mr Tony Coliman, MF, Mr Robin, Corbett, MP, Mr Tam Daylei, MP, Mr Alan Duncan, MP, Mr McCarlei, MP, Mr Mr McMasel Lorde, MP, Mr Michael Lordes, MP, Mr Andrew Meelkey, MP, Miss Anne McIndoth, MP, Mr Patrick McLoughain, MP, Mr Paul Murphy, MR, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, the Rev Martin Smytia, MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Mr Don Touling, MP, Mr Peter Viggres, MP, Mr Bouwen Wells, MP, Mr Andrew Weith, MP, Dr Alan W Williams, MP, Mr David Wilshire, MP, Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, and Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, Mr Peter Jennings, Mr Michael Davies.

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Sievenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor.

Sweetman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Haylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Thomas, Professor Refan. Thomas, the Rev. Dr. John and Mrs. T. Indov. Camon E. R. Tunner, Mr. James Weilbelowed, Mr. Tom White, Dr. and Mrs. Peter M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. W. G. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, Professor Roger Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, The Rev Andrew William, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, The Rev Andrew William, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, The Rev Andrew William, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, The Rev Andrew William, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Williams, The Rev Andrew Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jehn Cancer Relief, Macmillan Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer Cancer, Medican Cancer, Medican Cancer Ca

Mr Felix Barker

A memorial service for Mr Felix Barker, former theatre and film critic of the London Evening News, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Sir Donald Sinden read from the works of Shakespeare. Mr Kent Barker, son, and Mrs Denise Silvester-Carr paid tribute. Mr Julian Holland and Mr Peter Jackson gave addresses.

Service dinners

HMS Sultan Rear-Admiral A.B. Ross, Assistan Director (Operations) International Military Staff, Nato Headquarters, proposed the toast to The Men of Taranto at a dinner held last night at HMS-Sultain to mark the similventary of the Bettle of Taranto.

RN College Greenwich Dame Barbara Mills, QC, was the Dame Barbara, Mills, QC, was the principal speaker at the mess guest night diamer of the Royal Naval College Greenwich held last night at the college. Commander J.M.C. Maughan RN, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineers

Royal Engineer, presided at a guest night dinner of the Corps of Royal. Engineers held last night in Chat-ham. The High Commissioner for Canada was among the guests.

Luncheon

Anglo-Spanish Society The Spanish Ambassad The Spanish Ambassador presided at a funcheon of the Anglo-Spanish Society held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, chairman, and Sir Robin Fearn, vice-chairman, received the guests. Professor LD L. Michael was the guest speaker.

Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced be-tween Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs

ween Nicholas, son of the Neil Holt, of Hambleton, Lancaschire, and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and

Mrs Thomas Cheers, of Wigan,

Mr H.J. Layzell and Miss S.E.S. Denny
The engagement is announced between Harvey, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Layzell, of Horton, Somerses, and Sophy, daughter of Sir Anthony and Lady Denny, of Muchelney.

and Lary Macsween
and Miss K.J. McNeill
The engagement is announced between James Charles, only son of Mr

and Mrs John Macsween, of Edin-burgh, and Katrina Jane, daughter of Mrs Denise McNeill and the late Mr R.K. McNeill, of Angus.

and Mass H.E.C. Boylers
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and
Mrs Simon Oxicy, of Pirbright,
Surrey, and Henricita, elder daugiter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Boyd, of
Etton, Beverley, Yorkshire.

Mr C. Rayner and Miss G.L. Copeler-Williams

Mr T. Shea and Miss K.M. Norman

d Miss A.A. Harvey

Mr C.M. Stepe

The engagement is amounced be-tween Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Rayner of Welvyn, Hertford-shire, and Loveday, daughter of Mr and Mrs Erlend Copeley-Williams, of

and Mass A.M. Norman
The engagement is announced between Tim, second son of Mr and
Mrs Chris Shea, of Penrinosgarnedd,
Gwynedd, and Kathryn, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex
Norman, of Great Conwell.
Oxfordishire

The engagement is announced be-tween Colin, elder son of Mr Fred-erick Stone, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Mrs Barbara Stone, of Stafford, and

Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Harvey, of Gogland Manor, Tiverton, Devon.

Manor, Tiveran, Devon.

Mr J.H.T. Trevelyan
and Miss A-M.B. Beaton
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs
Releigh Trevelyan, of Netherwinton,
and Anne-Marie, only daughter of
the late Mr Leonard Beaton and of
Mrs Beaton and of

The engagement is announced be-tween Sam, only son of Mr and Mrs Clayton Wilson, of Oregon, USA, and Kerry, elder daughter of the late Peter Bone and of Mrs Eleanor F. Bone, of Ramornie, Craigs Road, Auchterellon, Aberdeenshire.

Mr W.H.G. Oxicy and Miss H.E.G. Boyd

Mr H.J. Layzell

Mr T.W. Barker and Miss S.E. Parke and Miss S.R. Parkman
The engagement is announced between Thomas William, son of Mr
and Mra Adrian Burker, of
Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire,
and Susan Elisabeth, daughter of Mr
Hugh Parkman, OBE, and Mrs
Parkman, of Ahingdon; Oxfordshire,
formerly of Heswall, Wirral,
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Merseyside. Mr L.D. Bell

Mr L.D. Bell
and Miss N.S. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Lance, formerly of Barnard
Castle School, youngest son of Mr
and Mrs Keith Bell, of Newton
Aycliffe, Durham, and Nina, formerly of Casterton School, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Phil
Harrison, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

Harrison, of Bowdon, Cheshire.
Mr R.S.C. Blood
and Miss E-J. Holload
The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr Peter
Blood and the late Mrs Christine
Blood, stepson of Mrs Peter Blood, of
Stone, Staffordshire, and Eliza-Jane,
only daughter of Mr Robert Holload,
of St Helen's, Isle of Wight, and
Baroness Robert Rothschild, of
Burghelere, Berkshire.
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Signor T. Chini
and Miss B. Leonard
The engagement is announced between Tournesso, elder son of Signor
and Signora Chini, of Florence, Italy,
and Brigid, daughter of Lieutenant
Colonel and Mrs. John Leonard, of
Michaelmas House, Hatherden, near
Andover, Hampshire.

Mrs. Mr. Divore

Andover, Hampshire.

Mr S.M. Dizon
and Miss H.A. Squires
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and
Mrs J.A. Dizon, of Darlington,
County Durham, and Helen, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.
Squires, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr E.D. Calchete. Mr E.D. Gilchrist and Miss N.E. Russ

The engagement is amounced be-tween Edward, son of the Rev David and Mrs Gilchrist, of Brentwood, Essex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Russell, of Winchester, Dr J.T. Gilchrist and Dr T.J.A. Winnifrith

and Dr I.J.A. Winnerim
The engagement is amounced between James, son of Dr Robert and
Mrs Elizabeth Gilchrist, of
Shousswell, Oxfordshire, and Tabby,
dampiner of Dr Torn Winnihith, of
Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and
the late Mrs. Norwa Winnihith Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and the late Mrs Joanna Winnifrith. Mr C.J. Hardy and Miss E.J. Dandy

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs David Hardy, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dandy, of Great

Ronald William

Diggens

Royal College of Music

Mrs Beaton, of Kew. Mr S.C. Wilson

A memorial service for Ronald William Diggens, OBE, will be held at St John's Church, Church Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, on Tues-day, December 9, at noon.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in October 1997. They are entitled to use the designation Chartered Chemist and the letters W J Aston, N I Carruthers, O Risenstein, J Etourneau, L C Gauntiett, M Flories, E FT Lee, V D Patel, M S Pussy, M Shibasaki, J D C Wade, A R S Werninck

Ambassadors

for London

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Ambassadors for London awards ceremony held yesterday at the Banqueting House. Whitehall Lord Renwick, chairman of the judging panel, Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and Sir John Egan, Chairman of London Tourist Board and Convenion Bureau, were the speakers.

The Prince of Wales, President of the

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Dr. Henry Kissinger defivered the
1997 Churchill lecture to the EnglishSpeaking Union yesterday at
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Reception
Guild of Freemen of the City
of Loadon
Sir Anthony Grant, Master of the
Guild of Freemen of the City of
London, presided at a reception held
yesterday at Apothecaries' Hall. Mir
Dai Walters, Bedet of the Society of
Apothecaries of London, was the
speaker at a suppor held afterwards.

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Start a child on the right road, and even in old age he will not leave it. Proverbs 22 : 6	BIRTHS	DEATHS			·				FOR SALE
BIRTHS	LIPCZYNSKI - Born Senday 2nd November to Nick and	BONN - Michael Walter, suddenly but peacefully in	BUSBY - Jean Jervis succumbed to her cancer on	Buxton on the 7th November	HOLT - Christopher Robert Vesey, aged 82, suddenly on November 11 1997. Beloved	PMILLIPSON - John Balfour (Jack) on November 12th at		November 1997, tragically,	nal Supertry presented
ASH - On November 11th to	Lesley (née Cooper), a drughter, Hannah Katie, a sister for Emma	Jersey on Tuesday 11th November 1997. Beloved husband of Etzabeth and a	12th November despite loving cars and nursing at The Royal Marsdan, London,	1997 peacefully after a short filness. Dearest wife of	November 11 1997. Beloved husband of Jane (52 years) and father of Nicholas and	Glendaph Nursing Home, Kingsland, Herefordshire,	husband of Anne, Durling father of Jennifer, Ricolette and Dizna. We are forever	Emma, aged 23 years (Manchester University	AN ORIGINAL November, Date
Lucinda (née Middleton) and Julian, a son, Charles	MAITLAND-JONES - On	much loved father and grandfather. A Requiem	at home in Panghourne and finally in Dochess of Kent	Cecil Elsom, she will be desply missed by her family and friends. Cremation will	Inthe and grandfather of Julian and Felicity. Functal service at St John the	very peacefully. Beloved husband of Joan, dearly loved father, stepfather,	beholden. Puneral Service 10.15 am, Tuesday 18th	1993-1996) beloved daughter of Alan and the late Anne Worsfold, much	223 01492 531195
William Pirth. CAPERTON - On November	November 4th 1997 at Onesn Charlotte's Hospital	Mass will take place at St Matthew's Roman Catholic	House. Too short a time Ian's beloved wife, she was	take place at 12.30 pm Thursday 20th November at Putney Vale Cemetery.	service at St John the Evangalist, West Mean, near Petersileid on Wednesday	grandfather and step- grandfather, teacher and	November, St. Thomas Church, Colphrook,	loved sister of Angels and Fhilip, Peneral Mass at the	Tab0602 796870.
10th at The Portland Bospital to Marie-	to Sarah (White) and Mark, a son, Michael Charles	Church, Jersey on Monday 17th November 1997 at	the loving mother of Simon and the late Quentin and	Flowers or donations if	November 19th at 3pm.	friend of many, Funeral private but a Thanksgiving	Berkshire.	Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bowes Road,	THE TREES - 1791-1997 other
Dominique and Laurence, a son, Adam Gordon Dabney, a brother for Alexander.	OLIPHANT OF CONDIE - On	2.30pm. Private interment follows. Family flowers only	Starting Brown, grandens to Ben and Milly, Shirley and Betty's adgred sister she will	preferred, to the NSPCC (to whom cheque payable) to be sent to Means and Cottorin	Family flowers only or if wished, donations for The Hampshire Wildlife Trust	be abnounced later. Enquiries to R W Mann & Son	STEEL - On November 11th	19th November at Ipm.	4222 When. 0181-68
ARTER - On November 6th	Wednesday 5th November to Lucy and Richard, a daughter	please. Donations in lieu if desired may be sent to the Jersey Association for Youth	pe hugely missed by all her family and the many friends	Puneral Directors at 169 Merton Road Wandsworth	c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23	Tel: 01568 613507.	peacefully Joan Leighton aged 93 years dearly loved aunt of Margaret Labords	Facely flowers only, but if desired donations in her memory for ICU, Queens	
1997 to Lucy (née Stiles) and Jonathan, a daughter, (Ottilie Matilda Mary) a	Cleodie Flora Carolina, a sister to Iona.	and Priendship c/o Adv. RFV	who enjoyed her and Percy's famous hospitality in	London SW18 SEF.	OHU. LAWRENCE - Bt Rey Mgr	PINIPS - Ca 11th November	auni of Margaret Labords and great-aunt of Anthony and Rosalind. Thanksgiving	Medical Centre, Nottingham, Trust Fund no. BO/237 c/o	TICKETS FOR SALE
sister for Augustus and Lexice.	ROBEY - On November 5th at The Portland Hospital to	jeanne, 22 Grenville Street, St Helier, Jersey JE4 SPX or to Jersey Hospice Care, c/o	Shepperton, Puneral at St.	FEMMICK - On November 12th	Provest Saymand KCHS, died suddenly on 11th November 1997 aged 72. Requiem Mass	1997 Marjorie much loved sister of Phyllis and the late Gladys and Violet, all	Service at St. Mary's Stoke D'Abernon on Tuesday 18th	Cree Godfrey Wood, 28 High Boad, London N2.	ALL AVAS. Cheapest in London
CATTERISOLE - On November 12th to Sue (née Heaver) and	Frances (Mann) and Michael	to Jersey Hospice Care, c/o Mr I Richardson, Reads & Co, 1 Seaton Place, St Helier,	Shapperton at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th November. Family flowers only but	1997 peacefully and with dignity surrounded by his	11,30 am Thursday 20th	formerly of Westhamble.	November at 200 pm. Family. flowers only, donations if		We deliver 0171 379 1649
12th to Sue (née Beazer) and David a son Edward James, a brother for Emma and	Frances, a sister for Alexander.	Jersey JB4 SYJ. All enquiries please to E.W. Maillard &	please send generous donations to Duchess of	family at Treliabe Hospital, Gordon George, in his 74th year, of Helford Cornwall.	November at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist	Funeral private, Donations for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund may be sent to Sher-	desired to Princess Alice	BIRTHDAYS	All AVAE: Planton, Beauty, the sire Jamiroquat, Weller, Carte Eughy, Sport 0171 480 6183
Sophia. DAYRISON - On 22nd October	WERGMAN - On November 3rd,	Son Ltd Puneral Directors. Tel: 01534 37291	Kent House, c/o Cyril H Lovegrove 141 Oxford Boad	Beloved husband of June.	ISE - Susan Rymer died on 12th November, 1997 in the	Fund may be sent to Sher- lock & Sons, Trellis House, Doubing RH4 2ES.	Hospice, Esher c'o James & Thomas, MH Roud, Cohban, ET11 3AL		ALL THEATRE pop & sport, Eng
1997 to Venetia (née Denning) and Nicholas, a	to Lucy (nee Youngkusband) and Rupert, a lovely daughter, Flora Katherine	BRANCE Wanted Andr	Reading, EG1 700 Tel: 0118 957 2016	much loved father of Deborah, Nikki and Christian and loving	skilled and loving care of Royal Marsden Hospital			SAYERS Lormine Victoria Gren- ville. Many happy returns on	All THEATHER pop & sport, Eng V Ame, Eng V S.A. Tel-0171 S2 6616, Fex:0171 S28 2507
daughter, Ella Kete. 2115 - On November 12th at	Hosame, a sister for George.	BRANT - Marjorie (née Walling). A wonderful mother loved by her		grandfather and brother. Funeral Service at St	Beloved daughter of Kathleen and the late Frank	ROBERTS - Dr. John Gebriel, kusband of Margery and father of Jo. On Tuesday	SYMONDS - Rowland Charles Brigadier D.S.O. Peacefully	ville. Many happy returns on year 18th birthday. With lots of love and best without from Adrian, Mun. Alexander, your family and friends.	1 3.
Trowbridge Hospital Wiltshire to Lindsay and		mother, loved by her children Anne, David, Jane, Andrea, Bill and Richard and	SUTLER - Marjorie Callender	Anthony-in-Mensage Parish Church on Monday November 17th at 11.00 zm,	Lee, and dear sister of Rosemary and Caroline. Funeral on Thursday 20th	lith November 1997 in	on 11th November at Liandinabo, Hereford Beloved Husband of the late	Carty est make.	<u> </u>
Staphen, a daughter, Sophie Elemor, a eister for James and William	GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES	grandchildren. Peacefully in Busom General Hospital on	(née Laine) widow of Major General Geoffwy Botier, CR	November 17th at 11.00 am, a gathering for all the people who cared for him, family	November, 1997 at St. Peters Church. Hammersmith.	Dumfries and Galloway Royal Informacy after seven	Valerie and deeply loved Pather and Graniather. The	SERVICES	ALL TICKETS!
SEMBERSON - On November 11th, to Shona (née Walker)	AIGUVERSARIES	11th November, aged 81 years. Funeral Service on Priday 14th November at	CBE, peacefully on 12th November 1997. Mother of	Cowers only bleezer	London, W6 at 2,30 pm. A Memorial Service will be	happy years in Aminfield. Funeral Service in Tinwald Perial Church on Treasher	finneral carries will be held		England V Australia
and James, a daughter, Lucy Georgia Iona, a sister for Tara and Ella.	BRANDLER-HOLMES - Hare to	Guildford Crematorium, 9.30 am. No flowers, Donations to	Judy Fattman, grandmother and great-grandmother.		held later No flowers please, but donations if desired to	Parish Church on Tuesday 18th November at 12 noon and at Carlisle Crematorium	at Clifford Church on Tuesday, 18th November, at 2.00pm., followed by	PLUMP PARTMERS Meclonal	"England V.S. Africa !
BGCBIS - On November 11th	Gretta 15th November 1947 in Brentwood, Still here!	Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Enguiries to Robert	Funeral at 3pm on 17th November at Bournemouth Crematorium, Enquiries to	HELMORE - Patrick, On	Royal Marsden Hospital, Pulham Road, London, 5W10.	at 2.00pm. No flowers piezze, but donations may	Flowers or donations for St.	Dating Agency. If you are plump or peefer a plump pertoer ring 01852 715909.	England V N. Zeal'd Five Nations, Wimbledon
to Bernadette (260 Plachetka) and George, a		Ayling, Funeral Directors Tel: 01483 567333	Colin Hayley Funeral Service, New Milton, 01425	Wednesday 12th November at Croudin Lodge, Inverte, Co Galway, Phys. Much loved	Any enquiries to Barnes & Some, Tel 0181 743 4312.	be given at Service in aid of Ward 8 Dumfries Infirmary.	Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, should be sent to Dawe Bros. 115 Westfaling		Casis, the verve, P Collins
daughter, Ölivia. USCOCK - On October 24th, to	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	BBOWN - On November 11th,	629000.	father of Charles, Mark, Lucy, Edward Katherine and	MILLER - James Derrick.		Street, Reneford HE4 OJE	WANTED	West End Shows Any 'Sold Out' Event
Clare (née Warren) and Chris, a son, Theo Thomas.		suddenly, Dorothy Mary		Charlotte. Funeral on	Passed sway suddenly on Wednesday, 12th November 1997 aged 73 years. Beloved	SCOTT - Cyril John FMA, much loved husband of Gertle			Tal: 8171 247 4123
(CLMES - On November 10th 1997, to Alice (nee Clarks)	MARSHALL-ANDREW Families wish to thank all	Mend ("Micky"), noe Elgood, aged 75. Much loved wife of Bob, mother of Penny and	CLAY - On November 12th	11.45am at St Annin's Church, Knock, Inverin, Co	husband of Rozence, father to Tessa, Christopher and	(Sue) and loving father of Andrew, Jane and Sheila;	TYMEMAN - On November 11th, peacefully. Walter	MERK COATS, for coats per- chared Best price paid. All inquires/details Box No 7452	Credit cards.Acc. Pres Delivery
and Tim, a daughter, Sauth Elizabeth	the friends of Bruce who attended the Burial Service and wrote so many kind	Katy, and grandmother of Tessa and Richard, Private	Susan, much loved wife, mother and grandmother.	Galway.	Michael and adored drandfather of nine	Curator of the Herbert Museum Coventry, 1948-79 on Tuesday 11th November.	George aged 93 of Milford, Source, Mayor of Godalming 1964. Funeral service at		
ONES - On 10th November 1997 to Allea (née Loudon)	letters of condolence.	cremation, family flowers only please; donations if desired to the National	Funeral Service at the Tunbridge Wells	150510 O. 11-1 W	grandchildren. Private family funeral No flowers	Funeral St Catherine's Church, St Catherine's Close,	Guildford Crematorhum on Thursday November 20th at	old RECORDS Radios, grange- phones, IVs, music boxes etc. santed, 0171 229 9618	
and Philip at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital		Ostsoporosis Society, Manor Farm, Skinners Hill,	Crematorium at 2 pm on Thursday 20th November	HENCE - On 11th November. Peacefully at home. Jack	by request Donations, if desired, to Birmingham	Coventry 12.45 Tuesday 18th November, Family	12 noon Pamily flowers only please. Donations to the		
Winchester. The precious gift of a long awaited baby,	DEATHS	Camerton, Somerset.	-	Rupert Dempster Heming of Totnes Devon. Inquiries to Perrings 01803-862417.	Children's Hospital Appeal, via Harris & Sheldon Group Ltd, North Court, Packington	flowers only, Donations to Myton Barnlet Hospice, c/o	Macmillan Trust c/o J Gordone & Son, F/D, 55 Hare	PRINCESS DIANA	INTERNATIONAL
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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL VON CLEMM

Michael von Clemm, financier and President of Templeton College, Oxford, died of a brain tumour on November 6 aged 62. He was born on March 18, 1935.

ichael von Clemm was a banker of rare intellect and vision whose interterm of the long banking. An Anglophile American was a formidable figure, well over oft tall, fiercely driven and forceful to the point of ruthlessness at times. Throughout his career he was quick to spot the value of new ideas and energetic in their promotion. He played a prominent part in establishing London as a modern international played a prominent part in establishment in the stabilishment in the sta

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Von Clemm had early ambitions to be a journalist, having worked for a be a journansi, naving time as a reporter on the night staff of time as a reporter on the high still a student.

The Boston Globe while still a student.

On leaving Oxford in 1962 he had a job on leaving Oxioru in 1742 but the paper was strike-bound when the time Dar harmanten finance.

He first considered applying for a temporary position with the World Bank, where he felt that his anthropological training might be of value. "Giving and to societies work would be like pouring money down the drain." he argued. Instead he found a job in the London office of the First National City

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Bank of New York (forerunner of Citibank).

There, he later said, he was "stuck in a corner and put to work on something the old-timers knew nothing about". That work was to culminate in the pioneering development of the Eurodollar certificate of deposit, a marketable instrument that could be traded by investment institutions. This was an important element in the creation of the "Euromarket", which allowed governments and institutions to borrow US dollars held outside the United States. As such, it contributed to the growth of offshore capital markets and the process of globalisation which has allowed London to become a key centre of international finance.

As part of his work at First National City, von Clemm was sent on a twoweek course for selected staff run by professors from Harvard Business School Such was the impression he made that he was invited to teach at the school himself, and in the autumn of 1967 he took up an appointment there as assistant professor of public admin-

Michael Ward, setor,

died on November 8 aged

88. He was born on

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George Everard Yeo Ward

was born at Redruth in Corn-

wall, the son of a clergyman.

An only child, he showed early

theatrical and musical talent.

He was, in fact, sufficiently

comic timing.

istration. His family home remained in London, however, and he commuted to Harvard, supporting his academic career by running his own consultancy firm with clients on both sides of the Atlantic, among them Rio Tinto-Zinc, General Electric, Schroders and the

investment bank White Weld. It was as a partner in White Weld that he returned to London in 1971. He was one of the architects of the firm's transformation (via a period as Credit Suisse White Weld) into Credit Suisse First Boston, of which he was chairman from 1978 to 1986.

Throughout his time there he maintained the firm's position as the leading underwriter of international government and corporate issues. In 1980 he was involved in the pioneering development of the "bought deal" whereby Credit Suisse itself underwrote an entire bond issue. From 1971 to 1978 he also served as a visiting professor at the London Business School.

After leaving Credit Suisse he took over responsibility for the worldwide

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inate photographers, super-cilious City gents — all de-stead decided to study acting lightful variations on his at the Central School of

fors, haughty servants, time "" accomplished as a planist to when he appeared in Alexan-

Speech and Drama. During

the Second World War he

served in the Army and with

He had had some stage roles before the war, but his

theatrical career really got under way in 1945, when he

appeared in The Man Who

Came to Dinner, it was fol-

lowed by West End roles in

Gay Pavilion and Present

Laughter, and in a Coliscum

revue, The Night and the

Music, where he understudied

His film debut came in 1947.

the comedian Vic Oliver.

the emergency services.

Lynch. Commuting, once again, to the company headquarters in New York, von Clemm oversaw 12,000 staff doing business in some 60 countries. He also served as executive vice-president of Merrill Lynch itself, and was effective in reducing the firm's overheads (notably by cutting the workforce almost in half), so increasing profits more than threefold.

He retired from Merrill Lynch in 1993 but retained extensive business erests both in the form of directorships and through his family holding company, Highmount Capital, which took minority stakes in a number of merchant banks and investment banks around the world.

In a world increasingly dominated by specialists, von Clemm stood out as a great generalist, a complex man, wide-ranging in his interests and active in a number of different fields. In 1967, for instance, tired of indifferent London food, he borrowed £500 and became the first backer of the Roux brothers' restaurant business. In an association that lasted three decades, he helped Albert and Michel Roux to expand their activities from a single restau-rant, Le Gavroche, to a wholesale and retail catering empire with more than 20 outlets.

He showed similar foresight in 1984 when he realised that Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs, then a derelict site among London's disused docks, was an ideal location for office development, capable of housing the huge new dealing floors that the modern City needed. Through a decade of vicissi-tudes, he retained his faith in a vision that has now largely been fulfilled: Credit Suisse First Boston was among the first companies to move to

In October 1996 von Clemm was elected President of Templeton College, Oxford, a graduate college which had developed out of the Oxford Centre for Management Studies, offering higher degrees in management and running advanced courses for senior executives from around the world. He also retained his links with Harvard. His lifelong interest in the markets of the Far East was reflected in his membership of the US-Korea Business Council and the US-Japan Business Council. In the US he served as President of the English Speaking Union, and in Britain he was a member of the advisory board of the Royal Academy and vice-president of the City of London Archaeological Trust.

Michael von Clemm is survived by his wife Lisa, a designer bookbinder, capital markets operations of Merrill and by their two daughters.

der Korda's screen version of

Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Hus-

band. The following year he

drama called The First Gen-

tleman, adapted from a West

steadily built his reputation as

a master of the comic cameo.

He was adept at making the

most of even the flimsiest

material, a talent amply dem-

onstrated in the five films he

appeared in with Norman

Wisdom and in several of the

Carry On series. His last film

role was in Revenge of the Pink Panther in 1978.

featured as a guest in some of

He was a regular on The

Morecambe and Wise Show

though he was usually type-

cast in comic roles, he turned

his talents to more serious

matters on several occasions

in his career, notably when he

played a homosexual in con-

flict with his father in The

Richest Man in the World on

television in 1960. He took the

precaution in the 1950s of

studying statistics, in order to

be able to support himself

when acting work was not

Ill-health put an end to his

film and stage career in the

late 1970s, but much of his best

work continued (and will con-

CORRESPONDENT

Before this match the two clubs were level at

the head of the competition with eight points

each out of a possible nine. At the end of it

Oueen's headed the table with ten points to

the RAC's nine, and though both the teams

will be without the services of their first

strings in the second half of the competition,

last night's match has probably determined

(RAC) beat K.C. Gandar Dower (Queen's) by three games to none (9-7, 9-5, 9-1). This was the

best game seen or likely to be seen between

amateurs this season, for the pair will not meet again in the Amateur Championship.

Gandar Dower kept the Open champion in

court for 52 minutes and thoroughly extended him in the first game, a feat of which no other British amageur is capable. The standard of

play in this game was extremely high, both

players producing wonderful shots of every

In the first string match, F.D. Amr Bey

the destination the Cup.

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For twenty years he also

From the 1950s onwards he

End play.

HARRY ASPREY

Harry Asprey, goldsmith and former managing director of Asprey & Co. died on October 25 aged 82. He was born on April 28, 1915.

WHEN Harry Asprey heard that a head of state had fallen, his first reaction was to check the strongroom at the royal jewellers, Asprey's, so that any expensive items commissioned by the departed leader could be swiftly offered to his replacement.

He was successful in persuading the new Government of Ghana to take on a full dinner service after Kwame Nkruman had been toppled by the army in 1966: it helped that Nkrumah's own presidential crest had not yet been engraved on the various pieces. A throne ordered by King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was less easy to shift after the King's assassination in 1975. It spent many months in the New Bond Street showroom of the iewellers, which had been set up by Asprey's great-greatgreat-grandfather.

Henry Ellison Asprey was educated at home rather than with his four brothers at Charterhouse, because of a chronic ear infection that left him slightly deaf. His natural inclination was towards farming, but at 17 he deferred to tradition and joined the family firm. He was one of the few Aspreys to master the art of working with precious metals. instead of simply supervising. He trained as a goldsmith and silversmith and became sufficiently proficient for his opinion on how pieces should be finished to be frequently sought by the company's mas-

His resourcefulness did not desert him when he discovered, on arriving to value a carpet for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, that he had forgotten his tape-measure.

ter craftsmen.



He paced it, toe to heel, to her great amusement. In 1939 he joined up the day

after war was declared. For a year he drove ammunition trucks through France, but he was badly injured when one of the trucks exploded. He was sent home to die, but had the good fortune to encounter his family doctor among the medics serving on the military train taking him from Dover to hospital in Liverpool. Asprey always believed that his life had been saved by the narticular care shown him as a result

As the family business expanded after the war, Harry Asprey became one of its two managing directors, with re-sponsibility for its Asian and Middle Eastern operations. He spent an entire day arguing with Customs before they would allow through 200 leather pouches ordered by the King of Nepal for Buddhist monks. Visits to Haile Selassie

in Ethiopia were enlivened by Asprey's deliberate failure to warn his travelling companion about the tame lion that prowled the palace grounds. Asprey indulged the wish of his craftsmen to inscribe their

names on exceptional pieces of work. He also demanded an extra week's holiday for them. After his side of the family was ousted from Asprey's in a boardroom coup in 1970, he set up in business on his own, trading in antique silver for American clients. He was also on the council of the British Antique Dealers' Association. In his spare time he played a lot of golf, renovated houses and rode a motorcycle.

His first wife, Eileen, died in 1958. In 1960, at the age of 45, he married an 18-year-old model, Mary, who took on his nine-year-old daughter as well as bearing him two sons and another daughter. He is survived by his wife and four

JACQUES DEROGY

Jacques Derogy, French investigative reporter. died in Paris on October '30 aged 72. He was born in the same city on July 24, 1925.

WITH his overcoat and pipe. the outwardly placed and sympathique Jacques Derogy could well have played Inspector Maigret on television. Once he sank his teeth into a big story, there was no shakplayed a valet in a period ing him, even though some investigations lasted for years. Certainly, he was as well known as Simenon's fictional detective around the Palais de Justice and at the adjoining criminal police headquarters on the Quai des Orfèvres.

However, he cast his net much wider than that of any ordinary crime reporter, and his contacts ranged from senior politicians and diplomats down to tipsters in Pigalle bars. Over 40 years, he uncovered some of the biggest scan-dals of the Fifth Republic: the murder of the Moroccan oppo-

the most popular shows on television, among them Hansition leader Mehdi Ben Barcocks Half Hour, The Two ka in Paris, the high-level decision to sink the Green-Ronnies and Steptoe and Son. peace boat Rainbow Warrior in New Zealand, and the incredible cover-up by State and Church that enabled the as Eric and Ernie's precious He also took a part in the wartime Lyons militia chief soap opera Crossroads, and Paul Touvier to escape justice until his trial in 1994 for

crimes again humanity. Derogy was a man of strong convictions, many of them for ged in the war years, when he and his father, a Paris printer, repeatedly escaped Gestapo and French militia roundups of Jews. His defence of leftwing causes did not prevent him standing up to the French Communist Party in the 1950s over contraception. His procontraception book Des fants malgré nous led to his expulsion from the party. The subject of his own form of deviationism caused him lifelong amusement.

tinue) to be frequently repeat-He remained politically ed on television. He was unmarried. committed to the Left but refu-

sed to bend to pressure from on high when he nailed Charles Hernu, the Socialist Defence Minister, as the man behind the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior. Hernu's staff warned him: "We will break you." Derogy persisted, and the Minister's resignation was a sensation.

Derogy's first major postwar story, for Franc Tireur, was covering the journey of the Jewish refugee boat Exodus as it weaved across the Mediterranean seeking a way into the then British Protectorate of Palestine. He later took time off from French scandals to cover Israeli events, and campaigned stremuously and vigorously against the concept of Greater Israel.

He came to national attention after joining L'Express, the radical news magazine. where he was given considerable freedom by the foundereditor, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, and his successor, Françoise Giraud. The Ben Barka affair was one of his biggest scoops. He and his colleague Jean-François Kahn were the first to interview witnesses who pointed to the daylight kidnapping and most likely murder of the Moroccan politician. Otherwise, the affair would have been hushed up. As it was, Franco-Moroc-

can ties prevented any satis-

factory conclusion of the case. It was Derogy's doggedness that uncovered the cunning Paul Touvier, who had been on the run since 1945 with the aid of senior members of the Roman Catholic Church, Derogy redoubled his efforts after President Georges Pompidou secretly pardoned Touvier in 1971. He saw this as proof that Touvier, responsible for the shooting of Jews, was alive.

A year later Derogy sent flowers to a house in Grenoble. Touvier came to the door. A photographer from L'Express took the damning photograph and Touvier, after he had slammed the door on Derogy, was able to read the grim card with the flowers -From your friend Klaus Barbie", the wartime Gestapo chief.Touvier went underground, but Derogy found him and the militiaman was finally brought to trial in 1994 and, like Barbie, condemned for crimes against humanity. He died in Fresnes prison two years later, after 50 years on the run.

Derogy reported upon and pushed forward official investigations when judges were shot in Lyons and Marseilles in the 1970s, on the manner in which aid for Africa ended up as payment for ministerial châteaux, and on the extraordinary career of the corrupt Mayor of Nice, Jacques Medecin, now in South America after serving time in French prisons.

Derogy, it could be said, kept French investigative reporting alive during periods of strong government pressure. There has recently been a renaissance, but today's young reporters on Le Monde, L'Express and Le Canard Enchaîné owe a debt to the quiet man in the overcoat.

Derogy was the author of some 24 books, most of them accounts of his investigations. He is survived by his second wife and a daughter and two sons from an earlier marriage

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Even when described in cold print 62 years later the skill and pace about the court of two such famous squash players as F.D. Amr Bey and K.C. Gandar Dower are memorable.

description, and it had to be an exceptionally fine one to terminate a raily, when the return of both was so accurate and their pace about the court so great.

Amr's length for his hard-hit shot to the back of the court was not so consistently good as it became later, and Gandar Dower, profiting by this, led at 5-3, making a very useful run of four aces. Amr drew level at five all with an unexpected back-hand reverse angle shot, but five hands later his opponent led at 7-5, scoring his seventh are with a beautiful drop shot at the end of a rally of some 40 strokes. Gandar Dower then made two mistakes, hitting a service out of court and putting an easy ball on the tin, and the score was seven all. He was in hand once more, but failed to score, and Amr, with an angle and drop shot, both made with perfect touch on the back-hand, won the game.
Afterwards the superior stroke play of the

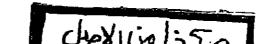
champion gradually overcame the wonderful activity of the Queen's Club player. Amr also found the length of the court better, and though 25 hands were played in the second game. Gandar Dower was always fighting a losing battle. In the third he could do little against Amr's

relentless accuracy and scored only a single ace before the latter won the match with a run of four aces, the winning shot being a perfect straight drop shot in the fore-hand

corper. The two remaining ties, though good of their class, were somewhat insignificant in

comparison. J.N.S. Ridgers, by superior stroke play and

greater pace in the court, proved far too good for the steady return of O. Lerwill, winning by three games to none (9-7, 9-3, 9-4), and R.K. Tinkler so outlasted J.H. Stothert that after a finely fought third game he won the fourth without the loss of an ace, the score being 9-5,



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Britain sends carrier to the Gulf

■ Britain was preparing last night to send a potent strike force to the Gulf to support the Americans in any military action against Iraq. The aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, armed with six Sea Harriers, was ordered to steam from Barbados to Gibraltar and prepare to take on board six RAF Harrier GR7s Pages 1, 18, 19

Dancing farewell to Goldsmith

Sir David Prost introduced the memorial service for Sir James Goldsmith at St John's, Smith Square by saying that it was not going to be a religious occasion. The 700 guests who gathered to celebrate his multi-faceted life found themselves in an atmosphere more akin to carnival than church, punctuated by jazz, a Mexican mariachi band and impromptu dancing. It seemed a fitting farewell for a true maverick.... ... Page 1

Ecclestone plea

Bernie Ecclestone, the motor racing chief at the centre of the political donations row, has appealed to the public standards watchdog to allow Labour to keep the £1 million he gave it

Whitehall gas

Tony Blair has ordered that all ministerial cars should be powered by environmentally-friendly natural gas fuel. Exempted from the move are the Daimlers and Jaguars used by Mr Blair and his deputy, John Prescott...... Page 1

VW bid for Rolls

The German car group Volkswagen raised the prospect that it may make a bid for Rolls Royce, which has been put up for sale by . Page 1

Brothers rescued

Two British brothers who were lost at sea for six days during a transatlantic rowing race gave their boat a fiery Viking burial after being rescued......Page 2

Happy families In an age when almost one in two

marriages ends in divorce, six couples who wed in the 1960s after being childhood friends appear to have bucked the

Random killing

A farmer's wife was selected at random for murder as shePage 5

Water memorials

Bridges spanning the Thames and the Tyne and a hundred drinking fountains for people and their pets are among the 71 projects given £221 million for the

Officer class

The Army should recruit more potential officers from state schools to avoid the accusation of preserving a privileged elite, the Defence Secretary said Page 8

Murder miles

Police launched a 24-hour armed patrol after 53 killings this year made a small area of London a few miles from the West End Britain's murder capital .. Page 9

Desperate times

Desperate Dan, hero of The Dandy for 60 years, was said to have been dumped because he is out of fashion. The publishers said that they wetre looking for a replacement with "street cred"... Page II

Caspian oil boom

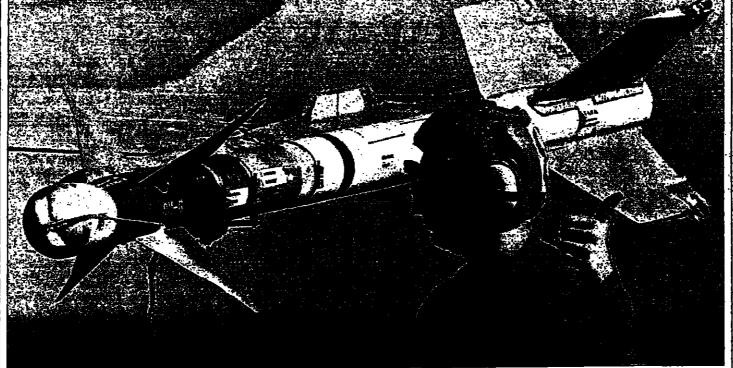
In a ceremony which politicians and oilmen hailed as the start of a new Caspian Sea oil boom, Azerbaijan began pumping ashore the first of billions of barrels of

Apartheid apology

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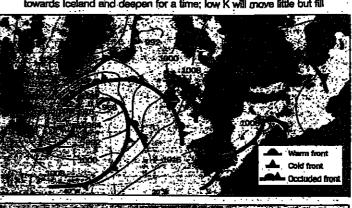
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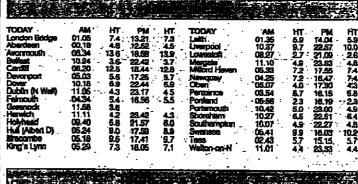
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☐ Republic of Ireland: drizzle then dry but mainly cloudy. Wind SW, moderate. Max 13C (55F) ☐ Outlook wet and windy in north and west with gales over coasts and hills. The south and east: cloudy but mild.

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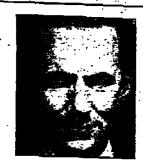
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Burton £65m

spent on

demerger

and relaunch

By Fraser Nelson

THE BURTON GROUP yes-terday said that it has spent £65.6 million so far on the

demerger of its Debenhams department stores and bring-

ing its remaining high street

fashion chains under a single

The company, which will

spin-off Debenhams next Jan-uary and rename itself Arca-

dia, spent £14.6 million on City

advisers to work out the structure of the new company.

It has spent £4.4 million

shedding about 300 workers,

and will lose £15.4 million on

the disposal of surplus offices.

John Hoerner, chief execu-

tive, said that after the

changes, the company will be able to reshuffle its high street

mix of stores and save between

£10 million and £15 million a

year. He said: "We have destroyed the tribal attitude

that used to exist in the group.

tier of management.

Gascoigne hints at retirement after World Cup **PAGES 47-52**

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

Rolls to receive £200m in funds from State

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to pump £200 million into Rolls-Royce to help to fund a key aircraft engine development project. An application from British Aerospace, believed to be for the same sum, is also on the table to assist work on the new Airbus.

Neither the Government nor Rolls-Royce will reveal details of the deal, which will deliver cash over the next four years. but John Battle, Industry Minister, said it was a commercial deal. The Government will receive returns on its cash as and when the engines are sold.

Mr Battle said: This is not state aid. It is a commercially. assessed deal. We could get returns over 40 years." He said the Government wanted to assure Rolls-Royce's position as a world leader in the next century and leared that development on the Trent family of ... engines — a critical peg in its strategy - could have been abandoned. He said the cash would help to secure 16,000

bs in the long term. Rolls-Royce believes that the market for improved Trent engines to power large aircraft could deliver ESO billion in sales. It competes with General Electric and Pratt & Whitney of the US, both of which receive assistance through the Govern-

ment and NASA. Tony Blair recently signalled his support for consolidation in the aerospace industry. The Government is keen that Rolls-Royce has a prominent role in the global market. The increasing market influence of large US companies is worrying the European players which face greater political considerations in joint operations. Mr Battle said: "The agreement with Rolls-Royce embodies the Gov-

ernment's commitment to public/private partnerships."

BAe said it awaited the Government's response to its own request "with urgency". BAe, which is a partner in Airbus Industrie, wants help

with the development of the new A340-500 and 600 Airbus. Rolls-Royce has seven international partners in the existing Trent project. It intends to recruit partners for the new project. In large-scale developments the aerospace industry tends to involve partners to share risk rather than seek traditional bank finance. Rolls-Royce, which has an A2 credit rating from Moody's, said: "We don't have a record of

going to banks." One analyst said the state funds would help to ensure the survival of the programme in a impossible for Rolls-Royce to

manage independently while satisfying the demands of shareholders.

John Rose, chief executive of Rolls-Royce, said the company now had "the opportunity of addressing, with a single en-gine family, the market for all of the new large aircraft currently being planned". He said there was already cus-

Airbus Industrie has chosen the Trent 500 to power the A340-500 and 600 and has a memorandum of understanding with Rolls-Royce that will enable the Trent 900 to fit its planned A3XX super jumbo.

The Government will not say what proportion of the development costs it is footing, but under world trade rules and the Civil Aviation Act it is allowed to provide up to a third of the costs of a launch. Rolls-Royce already pays

the Government about £30

million a year in effective

royalties for previous launch aid. It last received assistance of £30 million — in 1984. Rolls-Royce yesterday ruled out a rights issue in connection with future Trent development. The shares, which had less than an hour's trading the announcement,

closed up 2p at 2172p. They

have recently lost ground after

hitting a five-year high of

268 p in June



If we want to change shops to different brands, there is nobody saying on my God, they're taking over my turl'.

Its not one person's territory, its now everybody's territory." He said the company had corepleted a dry run in Glasgow, where it recruited extra staff de man Burtons, Etam, Dororthy Perkins, Top Shop and Principles during the Christmas season. It interviewed 500 people for 80 jobs

and had finished the task vithin a week. Mr Hoerner said: "This is exactly the sort of thing Arcadia will be doing, and this is why the new look makes sense. Last year there was only one person who could have done something like that - me."

His comments came as the group returned a £187 million (£121 million) underlying pre-tax profit for the year to

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sions, with profits up £7.6 million at £27.5 million. Burton Menswear was the worst. with profits down 36 per cent Profits at Debenhams rose

to £129 million (£103 million) after it opened four new stores. Burton Group said current trading was strong, with over-all sales growth at 8.5 per cent, even after the retail downturn that followed the death of

home shopping business is still in its infancy, but at this stage the aim was to gather information about which customers to target rather than make profits. He said: "Its very much a case of gathering

August 30, taking earnings to 9.4p (5.7p) a share. This came in at the top end of City expectations and the shares

Top Shop and Top Man

were its best-performing divi-

rose 72p to 1392p.

to £2.1 million.

knowledge."
Mr Hoerner added that Internet shopping, where Bur-ton is one of the most adprove itself commercially. He orders through the internet, they get excited. If I was to financially analyse it, I would say we are wasting the compawork on things which may take off when I'm long Internet sites for Hawkshead

earlier this week. The company has also sold its five main distribution centres to Tibbet & Britten, the logistics company. The deal, involving the transfer of 2.500 staff, will take place in January.

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Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr Hoerner said that the

vanced companies, had yet to said: "If our people get three ny's money, but it is my job to and Racing Green opened

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Resistance

Partners in Coopers & Lybrand met in London for the second day running yesterday, amid signs of growing resistance to the intended merger with Price Waterhouse. Up to a quarter of UK C&L partners are opposed. Page 28

Pay problem South West Water says low

pay is deterring would-be chief executives of the company as it struggles to find a new head after almost a year of searching. The company says that "for certain people, salary is a problem." Page 33

US broker plans British presence

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

EDWARD D JONES, the US retail stockbroker, is planning to open 400 offices across Britain, luring thousands of new investors with its "Wall Street comes to Main Street" strategy.

John Bachmann, Jones's head, is in London this week to prepare the opening of the first eight offices in January. The plan will take five years and will focus on the Home Counties and middle-class suburbs. Offices will be one-man bands positioning themselves between the village pub and the village church. In the US, the 3,800 Jones offices operate like small insurance brokerages that generate most of

their sales by being in regular

A spokeswoman said: "We

are like a corner shop. Our

social contact with clients.

 people live in the communities they work in, creating a lot of trust. We are in the relationship business. We stress the

long-term."

Jones will send a few experienced US brokers to Britain to help recruitment. The most important qualities Jones is looking for in its brokers is not a finance degree but the ability to remember the names of all family members of a client.

In the US, Jones promotes a conservative investment phi-losophy. It does not invest in derivatives, commodities or high-risk stocks.

However, it faces a tough challenge as many investors can access their portfolio directly on the Internet. US new business growth has slowed as the number of Internet connec-

Greenspan warns of Asia effect

By Janet Bush ECONOMICS EDITOR

ALAN GREENSPAN, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, yesterday gave warning that the impact on the American economy from the crisis in Asian markets will not be negligible and that, more broadly, world growth could be dampened. In testimony to the House

of Representatives Banking Committee, Mr Greenspan said: "The direct and indirect trade impact on our economy of a prolonged period of slower growth in South-East Asia and the large decline in its currencies is potentially significant."

He said that the so-called contagion effect, in which weakness in one economy spreads to others, was "particularly troublesome". Economic View, page 31

merge Virgin Radio with Ginger Productions, the Chris

completion last night of the

public offer in America and

the private placement in

Europe. Virgin says the offer

will raise nearly \$100 million

and value the company at up

Societies given mutual help

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

BUILDING societies are to be iven extra ammunition in their campaign against speculators, after a surprise Government announcement yesterday. The new rules should make it more difficult for dissident members to force a

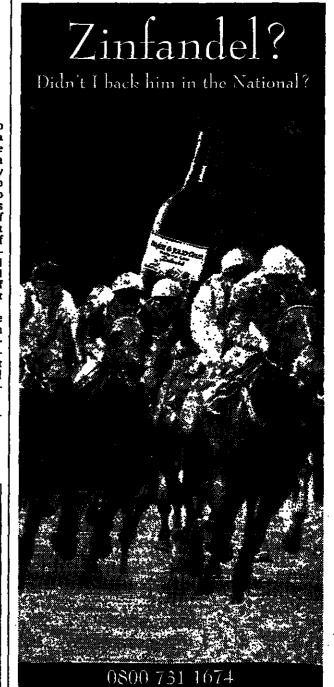
society to demutualise. Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told building societies that, in future, 50 per cent of all savers and borrowers must take part in a conversion vote. The previous turnout re-

quirement was 20 per cent of members. This brings societies into line with quoted companies, where 50 per cent of shareholders must cast their votes for or against a takeover bid.

The new higher threshold is intended to make it harder for

a small number of members to compel a society to become a bank. In July, Nationwide defeated an attempt by a group of members, led by Michael Hardern, a butler, to gain seats on the board and to force the society to abandon its mutual status. Just a third of Nationwide members cast their votes. It is felt that, if even more members are reconversion poll, that this will ensure the rejection of demutualisation, if it is not supported by the board.

Brian Davis, Nationwide chief executive and chairman of the Building Societies Asso-ciation, welcomed Mrs Liddell's concession saying that it was "unacceptable for a small group of members to determine the future of a society".



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CALIFORNIA

Capital confident Virgin deal safe from Evans



By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

SENIOR executives at Capital Radio believe the planned merger with Richard Branson's Virgin Radio will go ahead despite the unexpected intervention of Chris Evans the presenter, with a rival offer. David Campbell, chief exec-

utive of Virgin Media, said vesterday that the Evans bid, supported by Apax, the venture capital group, and Paribas, the French merchant bank, was a serious bid and would receive serious consideration. Both Apax and Paribas are former shareholders of Virgin Radio. Mr Branson now has three

options for the future of Virgin Radio. He can go ahead with the merger with Capital, worth about £87 million including the assumption of debt, a deal that is subject to Monopolies and Mergers Commission approval. He can

strong enough to stand alone. David Mansfield, Capital chief executive, said: "We have

Offer fetches top price was subscribed 6 to 7 times, a level that would be higher by

THE Virgin Express Nasdaq and Brussels offer has been priced at the top of the proposed price range — the ADR's will be \$15 - because of oversubscriptions. International depositary shares will be priced at 1,602 Belgium francs (26p). Managers said the offer

MMC| and we are both com-Evans holding company in a deal worth about £80 million. mitted to seeing the deal go or decide that Virgin Radio is through. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Richard Branson to our board." It is believed that Capital was reassured by semor Virgin executives privately yesterday that it was still the intention to complete the original deal Yesterday Capital said pre-

tax profit rose 9.2 per cent to £35 million in the year to September 30. Revenue for the radio business grew 14.6 per cent to £86.1 million.

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Molins to shed 25% of workforce

Molins, the troubled maker of cigarette machines, is cutting 500 jobs across its UK factories because of a severe downturn in Chinese markets.

The company, which employs 2,000, is shedding 25 per cent of its workforce. The restructuring will cost Molins £17.5 million. The shares fell 72bp to a five-year low of 3272p. Tempus, page 30

Cantab boost

Cantab Pharmaceuticals yesterday reported encouraging results from clinical tests of vaccines. Cantab ended its third quarter on September 30 with £43.2 million in cash. Its ninemonth loss was reduced to £50,000 (£2.3 million loss).

WBB deal

Watts Blake Bearne, the world's largest producer of ball clay, is close to securing extensive mining rights from Keramchemie, the German group.

Nintendo up

Nintendo, the Japanese game maker, lifted profits 63.5 per cent to 49 billion yen (£230 million) in the six months to September 30 and forecast a 14.8 per cent rise in full-year profits to 116 billion yen.

Hotels plan

investing £27 million in BDL Hotels, a hotel company based in Glasgow.

Royal Bank of Scotland is

Vodafone link Vodafone, the mobile telephone group, and Energis,

the telecoms company, are linking to offer fixed-line telephone services from next vear.

Viyella blow

Almost 500 jobs will be lost with the closure of the Coats Viyella factory in Lurgan, Northern Ireland.

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Signs of merger opposition evident among C&L partners

PARTNERS in Coopers & Lybrand met in London for the second day running yesterday, amid growing resistance to the proposed merger with Price Waterhouse.

There are indications that up to a quarter of UK Coopers & Lybrand (C&L) partners are opposed to the merger, which requires a 75 per cent "yes" vote to proceed. This week's presentation to partners, led by Peter Smith, UK chairman, fails to look at the reasons for

Plunge in

markets

hits Chase

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE worldwide stock market

plunge last month has left a hole in the balance sheet of

Chase Manhattan, the largest

US commercial bank to have

Chase yesterday said that it

had pre-tax losses from trad-

ing activity of \$160 million (£100 million) in October after

a number of ambitious bets in

emerging markets went

It said: "The loss was the re-

sult of unusually volatile and

adverse trading markets in the latter parts of October, char-

acterised by sharp price de-

clines and a loss of liquidity

for certain securities, particu-

larly emerging markets

per cent earnings growth tar-get, Chase said. The precari-

ous financial position could

also harm Chase's position in

the current consolidation of

Chase has often been men-

tioned as a potential buyer of a

medium-size Wall Street in-

vestment bank, such as

PaineWebber, Bear Stearns or

Donaldson. Lufkin & Jenrette.

In September, Travelers

Group, an insurance company,

George Salem, an analyst

with Gerard, Klauer, Matti-

son & Co, said the losses were

more - than expected. Other

securities operators are likely

to announce losses soon.

bought Salomon Brothers.

the US banking sector.

The loss has put at risk its 15

an investment banking arm.

on the potential financial rewards to partners. One said yesterday: "A lot of partners don't respond well to being blackmailed and bribed."

Grady Means, head of business strategy at C&L Consulting in America, has circulated a memo to partners, urging them to reject the merger. Mr Means claims that up to 1,200 partners worldwide could lose their jobs in what amounts to a Price Waterhouse (PW) takeover. Most at risk are partners and

profit, high-risk clients.

Mr Means has calculated that 4 per cent of C&L clients (about 1,500 companies) account for 92 per cent of the firm's profits. The remaining 28,000 clients account for only 8 per cent of profits and a large proportion of practice liability.

Mr Means writes: "Having carefully reviewed the prospectus and the surrounding discussion, I feel very strongly that the proposed merger will destroy many of your careers and the businesses that you

quickly. You have every right to have this very aggressively and openly debated before you

He adds: "The senior partners are determined to avoid active debate and to proceed ahead aggressively, hoping a stampede mentality will lead to rapid approval."

Key managerial positions will go to PW partners in America, even though C&L is larger. A planned supervisory board is heavily stacked in PW's favour. Mr Means

more than Fr7 billion in its

first two years, celebrated its

fifth anniversay year with a

7.7 per cent rise in attendances

to 12.6 million and a rise in

hotel occupancy from 72.2 per

The company also announced yesterday that it is raising entry fees. The low season price will rise from

Fr125 to Fr130 for children

and from Fr150 to Fr160 for

adults. Peak season entry will

rise Fr5 across the board.

cent to 78 per cent.

tially being given a massive amount of highly profitable neered a massive takeover.

C&L management is said to be viewing regulatory threats to the merger with some complacency. Partners in London have been told that approval is a matter of flosing some audits we want to los anyway, and making some assurances about good behaviour",

Voting takes place on Nov-

Football wins £100m TV deal

By Jason Nisse

ENGLAND'S leading football clubs are to receive around £100 million over three years for the international rights to televise live Premiership football under a deal set to be signed with Mark McCormack, the international sports entrepreneur, and Canal Plus, the French TV group. Their joint bid has seen off a

The new deal is worth nearly four times the £9 million a year which CSI was games outside the UK. CSI has sold coverage of Premiership football to countries as diverse as Australia and Scandinavia. Mr McCormack has

rival offer from CSI, the international rights group, which has held the contract for the past five years and could be worth in excess of £2 million a year for top clubs. including the publicly listed Manchester United, Aston Villa and Newcastle United.

It comes in addition to the £740 million for the UK rights. signed with the BBC and BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times.

paying to show Premiership promised to aim for the burgeoning Asian market.

Leading clubs have found massive markets in Asia for football related merchandise. Manchester United publishes its club magazine in Thai and sells 20,000 copies per issue. Final terms have yet to be

Liberty rebels agree not to accept offer

REBEL shareholders who are pressing for board changes at Liberty are attempting to stymie the board's attempts to find a buyer for the West End department store company. The Stewart-Liberty family and Brian Myerson's Concerto Capital Corporation, who together own 44 per cent of Liberty, said they have agreed not to accept any offer until after next month's shareholder meeting at which they will try to oust Denis Cassidy, Liberty's chairman. They said a "fire sale" would not be in the interests of Liberty or its shareholders.

A spokesman for the board said the statement from the dissidents "only adds weight to the suspicion that this is an attempt to take effective control of the business without paying a premium".

Littlewoods investment

LITTLEWOODS, the home shopping to football pools group, is investing £12.5 million in its Index catalogue shops chain. The investment includes a £10 million upgrade of the computer systems for its chain of 140 stores as well as a £750,000 automated telephone information service, a system to help shoppers to find what they want and the opening of six smaller shops called Local Link. Littlewoods is still awaiting Board of Tradeapproval for it to buy Freemans from Sears.

Aegon raises forecast

AEGON, the parent company of Scottish Equitable, has raised its 1997 forecast for the third time this year after announcing net profits 36 per cent ahead, at £473 million, in the first nine months. Aegon's premium income for the first three quarters rose 23 per cent to £4.8 billion and Aegon now forecasts net earnings and earnings per share growth for 1997 in line with those figures, up from the 25 per cent per share improvement forecast mid-year.

Siemens to buy US units

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SIEMENS, the German electronics and engineering group, is poised to pay around £1 billion in cash and assume some debt to buy the conventional power generation units of Westinghouse Electric in the US, according to a source close to the negotiations. The deal would let Westinghouse focus on its media business. The conventional energy business makes turbines, reactors and control systems for power companies. Siemens and Westing-house would not confirm or deny the deal. (Bloomberg).

BBA acquisitions

BBA, the British engineering group, has agreed to acquire Bidim, a Brazilian manufacturer of polyester non-woven materials from Rhodia-ster, the largest manufacturer in South America of polyester products, for £23.8 million. It has also bought out the remaining 50 per cent in a German joint venture for DM6 million (£2.068 million). In the 12 months to December 31, 1996, Bidim reported sales of \$21.8 million (£12.8 million) and operating profits of \$900,000.

Strong start at Gerrard

GERRARD, the stockbroker and fund manager, raised pre-tax profits from £6.3 million to £14.4 million in the half year to September 30 on operating income up from £43.4 million to £78 million. The half-year dividend is held at 8p per share, from earnings of 12.2p (8.4p). Directors said that increases in dividends over the next few years will be considered only at the final dividend stage. Directors reminded shareholders that turnover is historically higher in the second half.

THE SEA TIMES

Gates sells Microsoft shares

PROPERTY developments

adjacent to Disneyland Paris

theme park, including hous-

ing, offices and a shopping

mall, could provide the key to

Unveiling a 7.5 per cent rise

in annual profits to Fr217

million (£22 million). Gilles

Pélisson, chairman, said yes-

terday that the company ex-

pected to realise a gain of

around Fri00 million as soon

as next year on the sale of land

for building a commercial

its future profitability.

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, whose fortune of \$40 billion (£23 billion) makes him America's richest man, has sold 2.15 million shares in his Microsoft com-

pany, raising \$280 million. Documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission show that Mr Gates sold the shares at \$131 each.

been sliding from \$149 in July to \$129 yesterday. Investors fear that the

shares may fall further because the software group has given warning that its earnings growth next year is likely to be less than in previous years. Microsoft may also be hit by a fine of \$1 million a day sought by the US Justice

Department for monopolistic actions. A court hearing is Critics of Microsoft from

Actresses Melanie Griffith (left) and Ornella Muti with Gilles Pilisson at celebrations

Euro Disney's new hope

By DOMINIC WALSH

centre. "We want to make the

Val d'Europe one of the most

attractive property locations

in the Ile de France region,"

he said. "The future of the

company depends a good deal

on the logic of this

The first stage includes a shopping mall, a factory out-

let village and a new railway

station. The estimated cost of

Fr3.5 billion will be funded

Euro Disney, which lost

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across America yesterday at-tended a Washington conference organised by Ralph Nader, the consumer campaigner, amid signs that Microsoft's market power may

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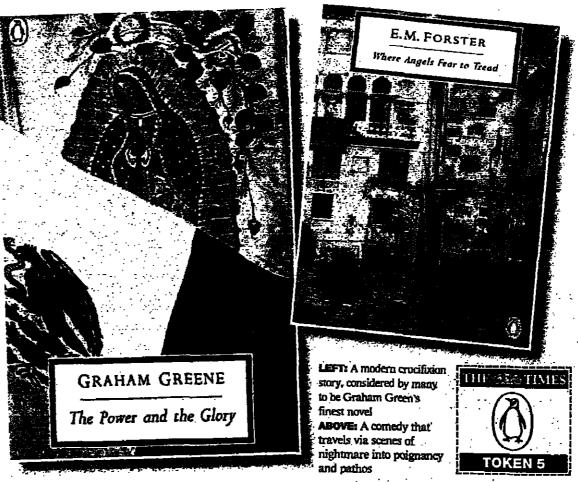
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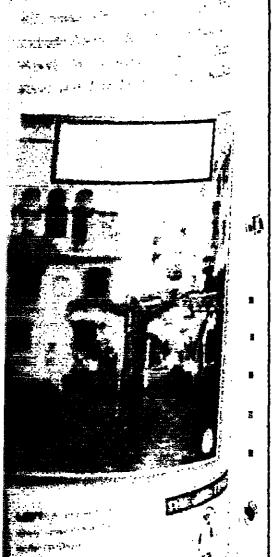
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Poor Mrs Beckett. After months of being criticised for a certain lack of dynamism, the President of the Board of Trade was precluded from presiding over the announcement of the most postive news tocome out of the Department of

Trade and Industry under this Government A package of £200 million to bolster Rolls-Royce in its efforts cast Industry Minister John Battle in the role of action man, since Mrs Beckett could hardly be seen to be spearheading a move that will undoubtedly bring benefits to her constituency. Politics is a

tough business.

But, for all the talk of transparency that has been issuing forth from Westminster of late, the terms of the deal with Rolls-Royce remain opaque. We are told that the investment by the Government could reap a fine return over time. Simultaneously, we are to believe that the money would never have been provided by a commercial lender on such a basis. We can believe the latter and take the former with a hefty dose of optimism. It might turn out to be justified,

since Rolls has a fine product and the chance to lead an admittedly small field. Customers are already lining up for Trent engines and, if the airline industry remains in its current expansive mood, perhaps Rolls-Royce can net the £50 billion of Trent sales that it is intimating could be possible — over time.

Fuelling an engine for growth

Mrs Beckett has in the past been at pains to insist that the Government would not indulge in the business of backing winners", a policy that led to some disastrous investments by previous administrations. But it was the implementation rather than the principle that was at

Both of Rolls-Royce's competitors receive state funding and it is legitimate for the Government to allow Rolls-Royce to fight on equal terms.

This would not be the case if Rolls-Royce was an ailing company with no hope products, but it is the opposite. Its problem is the time scale that it must operate on, which could see its Trent engines still in demand 40 vears hence. Try selling that sort of lead time to an investment

Britain has now opted out of trying to create a world-class investment bank and has precious few world-beating businesses of its own.

As a nation we have seen companies from carmakers to utilities taken over by overseas organisations prepared to put in the investment that the locals cannot or will not. There is no longer even a cry of national How kind of the Evans fans at



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

outrage when the possibility of Rolls-Royce motor cars being taken over by BMW is mooted as a likely outcome of Vickers' decision to sell. We have come round to the view that it is jobs that matter rather than

But the Trent project offers the chance to bolster jobs, seren-dipitously in Mrs Becket's parliamentary constituency, whilst cementing Rolls Royce's position as a world-class company.

Branson and a clause for concern

hris Evans only has a ten week contract to produce
his inimitable breakfast show on Virgin Radio. Clearly he is enjoying himself far too much to contemplate a life of morning lie ins. so he had little option but to try to buy the company and ensure continuation of his show. venture capitalist Apax to offer to back him in his ambitions.

Capital Radio thought that Richard Branson was aiready committed to its £87 million offer but the Monopolies Commission has boringly intervened there and, anyhow, Evans and his Ginger Productions will probably be able to structure a deal which is more simpatico with the ideals of the bearded, extrovert, entrepreneur.

But Branson should take his time studying the small print. It seems he may have reason to regret the haste with which he rushed into selling the majority of his stake in Virgin record stores to WH Smith. Branson is keen to take control over what is now the Virgin Our Price chain but has already had his first offer roundly rebuffed. He may have found himself somewhat disadvantaged in the negotiations thanks to a clause in the original sale contract which gives WH Smith a valuable bargaining counter. For the stores

group whose recent dismal performance led to it being subjected to the indignity of a bungled bid from one of its former employees, there is rea-son for a small smirk over the

deal it clinched with Virgin.
Come the middle of 1999,
Smith, should it so wish, has the option to buy out Virgin's 25 per cent stake in their joint business for nine times post-tax profits — not a hefty multiple in the music business. The Virgin name goes with the deal, and, apparently remains there for the next couple of decades. For the brand name which he has spent so much time and PR effort in building up to be at the mercy of another business must be anathema to Branson, but that could be the case. Perish the thought, but WH Smith could even choose to sell Virgin Our Price to a generous bidder surely British Airways would not contemplate a diversification in this direction, would it?

of a bid, Smith is demerging its Waterstones chain and could be persuaded to sell the music shops, but not for a song. Virgin, which manages the shops, can hardly retaliate by letting the shops run down: that would merely have the effect of lessening the price that would apply should Smith take up the option in a couple of years' time.

Top man with a mission

ohn Hoerner is not an impetuous man. The Burton boss has formulated his plans for splitting the company in two with extreme caution and if he believes the £66 million bill will prove worthwhile, investors have reason to believe him. The fact that turning Burton into Arcade and the more prosaic Debenhams will generate City fees of £14.6 million is an indication of why some people still want to be investment bankers: BZW is one of the benefi-

ciaries of this deal.

While Hoerner can fill pages with charts and diagrams to show why the new structure will be beneficial, the essence of the Newly energised by the threat change is simple. When the

London, he was dedicated to turning dowdy Debenhams into a modern market leader. With that well underway, his frustrations with a head office peopled by the energetic Sir Ralph Halpern and his high-spending colleagues reached the pitch where he either took over the group or quit. It was a close thing, but he took over and has changed the culture at Burton and restored its profits. But now he wants to concentrate on doing for the multiples what he did for Debenhams and the demerger will enable him to do just that.

Nebraskan first turned up in

Yesterday's figures demonstrated that he starts from a relatively strong position: profits from the multiples were up by almost a quarter over the year. But with Hoerner in hands-on mode, those figures have much further to go. He will earn his investment banker size salary.

Too Liddell

Helen Liddell gave but a minor concession to preserving the principle of municiply yesterday when she moved the threshold for conversion to a 50 per cent vote. As she pointed out, it was not carpetbaggers which yanked building societies, kicking and screaming, out of their mutual status, if was their boards. Directors saw benefits for themselves as well as windfalls for their members. Her ruling would not have stopped them.

Sunleigh businesses for sale

By Fraser Nelson

SUNLEIGH, owner of the Maclaren pushchairs. Powakaddy golf trollies and Laser dinghies businesses, has put all three up for sale after saying that cheap imports are harm-

ing its core UK market. The company, which six months ago promised investors that it would not go into the red, now expects to lose £1 million on 1997 operations, before charges for restructuring Maclaren. Alastair Findlayson, the

chief executive, said the

pushchair market had be-

come dominated by marques from the Far East. He said: "We just can't manufacture here at anything like the prices the Far East companies are. selling for. "We think the businesses are fundamentally sound, but, at the moment, the group does not have sufficient resources to support all three and that's why we're prepared to consider of-

fers for any of them." Sunleigh shares fell to ap, from 12p, giving a market value of £3.28 million. The company generates 70 per cent of its sales in the UK. Profits were El.33 million on sales of £38.4 million in 1996.

Railtrack doubts over Channel Tunnel project

By CARL MORTISHED

GERALD CORBETT, the new chief executive of Railtrack. yesterday poured cold water on speculation that the company would throw its financial might behind the faltering Channel Tunnel rail link

Mr Corbett said the project would fit well within Railtrack's skill base but insisted that the company would not participate if the investment proved to be "high risk". He said: "They would like us to be their bankers, but that is of no interest to us." He questioned whether the

existing ownership structure of London & Continental Railways was attractive to Railtrack "We have all had our fingers burnt in consortia. It has never seemed to me to be a recipe for success. You spend all your time talking to the other parties," he said.

Railtrack is expecting a response in the next two weeks to its request for more information about the rail link project, which is backed by Virgin, National Express, London Electricity and SBC Warburg. Shares in Railtrack soared 10



Horton: freight plans

per cent yesterday after the company released half-year figures that showed a sharp increase in the rate of investment to £520 million, up 38 per cent on the corresponding period last year. The share price rise to £10.30 was helped by a cautious welcome from John Swift, the Rail Regulator.

to the investment figures.

Sir Robert Horton, Railtrack's chairman, said the

hits Ladbroke ECONOMIC problems in South-East Asia have been blamed by Ladbroke Group for a fall in the number of high-rollers visiting London's casinos (Dominic Walsh writes). In a third-quarter trading

building up and would get bigger, and he predicted a

shift to more growth-based

investment. He pointed to

plans for a £300-400 million

London orbital railway aimed

at shifting road freight on to

rail. Sir Robert said that

Government would need to

lend a hand by reducing

subsidies to the mad transport

industry. He said: "We want

freight to be a paying business

but you have to have a level

playing field, not one where

Sir Robert said he welcomed

the prospect of the Strategic

Rail Authority but he gave

warning that intrusive and

tougher regulation would hin-

der Railtrack's ability to raise money. "We need to be free to

Railtrack's pre-tax profit for

the six months to September

rose 10 per cent to £190 million, including a £9 million

gain from the performance

regime and a £21 million profit from property disposals. Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 33.6p and the interim

dividend is 7.9p, up 8 per cent.

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borrow," he said.

road is getting a leg-up."

update, the company admitted that while its UK retail betting business had shown a substantial year-on-year improvement, the London casinos had "remained quiet" after a reduction in anendances by punters from South-East Asia.

Fall in Asian

stock markets

Progress made by the group in the first half had continued into the third quarter, and pre-tax profits were "significantly ahead of the corresponding period last year", it said. Simon Johnson, analyst at BZW. is forecasting full-year profits

before tax of £218.4 million, up from £163 million.

lift Bank of Ireland

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A MAIDEN contribution from Bristol & West has helped to boost the first-half pre-tax profits of Bank of Ireland by 30 per cent, to IrE250.7 million (E223 million). Bank of Ireland said that strong growth in lending and in fee-based income helped it to lift earnings per share by a

third. Its London-listed shares rose above 800p briefly before falling back to close at 7924 p, up 18p on the day. Maurice Keane, chief executive designate, said that residential lending rose by 16.5 per cent on a buoyant Irish housing market. Property

prices have risen by 16 per cent Juring the year. Fee based income rose by Ir£52.5 million, to Ir£198.5 million, as the bank expanded its asset management busi-



Bristol & West helps

Keane: acquisition interest

broking subsidiary, capitalised on brisk activity in the Dublin stock market.

Operating expenses rose by 15 per cent, largely because of a higher salaries bill. The costs also included a charge of Ir £5 nium computer bug. Mr Keane said that the bank was likely to spend a total of Ir£30 million preparing for 2000. Bristol & West, whose £600 million acquisition was com-

pleted in July, contributed Ir£25.7 million of profits for the two months and four days to September 30. Its addition increased Bank of Ireland's asset base to IrE31.3 billion, from Ir £19.4 billion.

Mr Keane, who is to become chief executive in January. said that he was interested in making further acquisitions in the UK so long as they comple mented Bristol & West, such as another building society in the same region so that substantial cost savings could be made. Earlier this month, the bank took control of New Ireland, a pensions provider.

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Menvier chief to make £20m

By CHRIS AYRES

ROGER FLETCHER, deputy chairman and chief executive of Menvier-Swain, the electrical equipment group, stands to make £20.5 million through his personal holdings and his family's trust fund, if shareholders accept the offer cur-rently being made for the

company.

The £164.5 million cash offer, which Mr Fletcher has accepted, is being made by Cooper Industries, the US engineering group which manufactures Champion

spark plugs. The 310p per share bid, which represents a 51 per cent premium on the company's share price when the offer was made, has already secured 13.4 per cent of Menvier-Swain's equity, 4.5 per cent of which is held by Mr Fletcher and 8.2 per cent by his family's trust fund. It is understood that no

major shareholders have objected to the deal.

Mr Fletcher, who founded the company 25 years ago, said: "I am proud of the success that Menvier-Swain has enjoyed since its flotation in 1986 and believe that the company has a strong future

as part of the Cooper group."

John Riley, chairman,
president and chief executive of Cooper, said: "The acquisition is another important step in our long-term strategy to enter new markets and extend the global reach of Cooper's Electrical Products

segment.
It opens up several new market opportunities for us, with reputable brand names and access to markets and customers not currently served by Cooper."

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MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer

MinMet glisters in the rush for Devon gold

JUST like the days of the Klondike gold rush. City investors are hoping to strike it rich quickly in the West. They fallen in love with MinMet, the Irish company, which has discovered significant levels of gold in the Devon countryside. The find is currently being verified by a government body.

MinMet touched 8p yesterday before closing all-square at 634p in heavy turnover that saw 17.57 million shares change hands, or more than 10 per cent of the company.

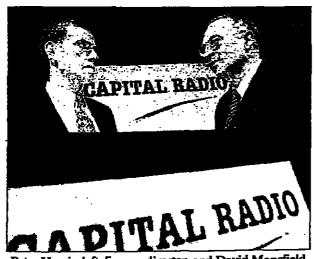
Traders say there is strong demand for MinMet from both private and institutional investors. Next stop for the shares could be 10p, valuing the company at £16 million.

The rest of the equity market confounded the bears by opening on a firm note, despite the overnight setback for Wall Street in the wake of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee's decision not to raise US interest rates. Share prices traded in narrow limits for much of the day, encouraged by calmer conditions in the Far East. By the close the FTSE 100 index was down 9.4 at 4.711.0 in low turnover of 729 million shares.

Gallaher responded to news of Christopher Fielden, a director, picking up 10,000 shares at 295p, with a rise of Sp at 298p. The company has been meeting institutional shareholders. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker. says that it is gaining ground on Imperial Group, 212p firmer at 37812p, its biggest rival, with its market share growing 0.5 per cent during the third quarter.

Schroders waded into the marketplace and snapped up four million shares in Etam, a bid target, at 134p. The purchase by Etam Developpement, the French suitor. including irrevocable acceptances, gives it control of 51 per cent of the equity. But with Etam Developpement shares dropping sharply, from Fr381 to Fr344, after being requoted on the Paris Bourse yesterday the cash alternative of 135p is starting to look more attractive. Etam finished unchanged

De La Rue slipped 3p to 39op, with Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, issuing a sell" recommendation ahead of next week's half-year re-sults. It tells clients that the recent outperformance by the shares in a bear market offers



Peter Harris, left, finance director, and David Mansfield of Capital Radio, down 1112p on a rival bid for Virgin

them the chance to bail out. The outlook for sustained growth is just wishful think-

The revitalised pound is causing all sorts of problems for Britain's big exporters. But the message from the Bank of England is that they will have to lump it, for the time being at least. As sterling rose again, shares of manufacturing com-

panies were beating a ragged retreat GKN dropped 49p to E12.26, TI Group 26p to 485p, Siebe 30p to £10.39, IMI 2012p to 36812p, and Smiths Industries 62p to 800p. Johnson Matthey was another casualty, falling 34 ap to 559p.

BBA was another weak market, losing 612p at 369p on currency worries. The group has made a £24 million acqui-

BIDDING TOP DOLLAR 4.400 4,200 4,000 3.800

IT LOOKS like open season in the life assurance sector with the clearing banks making no secret of their desire to bag one or two of the industry leaders. Earlier in the week Legal & General, down 14p at 485p. was chased higher by claims that Barclays Bank. down 22p at £14.58 had made an approach.

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ed that Barclays had now turned its attention to Nor-Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is not surprised. "Every UK clearing bank has said publicly that they are looking to expand their interests in life assurance, pension and fund management. They now need to pursuade these public companies to give up their independence." he said.

He sees Legal & General as the more attractive bid target, but any bidder is going to have to pay

"Share prices among the insurers are up with events. the banks have to ask prepared to pay the curent market price for these companies."

about the economy the giving cause for concern. Ladbroke's trading up

indicating that third-qua profits were significa ahead of last year, was signal for some brokers to clients to "take profits". price dipped 34p to 2 Comments about quiet ing among its London cas reflected on Lor Clubs, down 1312p at 28612p.

The warning about declining orders and second-half profits saw Molins touch 306p before closing 7212p down on the day at 32712p. The group, which makes equipment for the tobacco industry, is also being forced to shed 500 jobs.

Shares of Sucleigh tumbled 12p to 34p after warning that losses for the year would excess £1 million. It was now looking for buyers for all or part of the business. Menvier Swain surged 4lp

to 302p as Houston-based Cooper Industries emerged with an offer of 310p a share, valuing the electrical goods group at £165 million. Capital Radio dropped 1112p to 472p after it emerged

that DJ Chris Evans was putting together an £80 million package to top its bid for Virgin Radio. Capital, where David Mansfield is chief executive, is still awaiting the goahead from the DTI. Northern Recruitment got

off to a flying start after a placing by Beeson Gregory. the broker, at 108p. The price opened at 11512p and touched a peak of 126p before closing at 125p, a premium of 17p. Gyrus Group enjoyed a

modest premium in first-time trading after a placing by Panmure Gordon, the broker, at 145p. It settled at 14712p, a premium of 212p.

GILT-EDGED: The bargain hunters were out in force, convinced that Wednesday's

sharp falls had been overdone. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt put on £3s at £117132 in heavy turnover that saw a total of 117,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues

Treasury 8 per cent 2021 put £2132 at £116732, while at the shorter end Treasury 7 p cent 2002 was £316better at £100°32.

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Don't be sidetracked

of growth will slow and bad debts will rise. However,

Bank of Ireland is not just

dipping its paws in the Irish

honeypot but has been seek-

ing to diversify, first buying Bristol & West for £600 million and lately taking control of New Ireland

RAILTRACK has achieved a rare feat for a track maintenance companies to secure lower after a statement from its regulator. A cursory nod of approval from John Swift over the increased investment levels seemed to convince the market that Railtrack is now in a regulatory risk-free zone. This is, of course. nonsense. Mr Swift also notes that Railtrack's operational performance was maintained during the period, rather than improved. It is these numbers, rather than the absence of conflict, which investors should scrutinize.

Railtrack's revenues were almost static and profits growth was mainly down to cost improvements. That is to be expected and, indeed, cost improvements from the renegotiation of long-term maintenance contracts will be a key driver for Railtrack in the future. Complex negotiations are in progress with

privatised utility, securing a share price surge rates, but these will take time to appear in the revenue figures and Railtrack may have to help to fund the acquisition of new equipment by the maintenance companies.

But Railtrack would have you believe it can be transformed into a growth company from a cost-cutting utility. Hence the hooplah over the West Coast Mainline project, the London orbital railway and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. It can point to some evidence of an increase in rail traffic — a 5 per cent rise in train miles. But even the West Coast project will not kick in until 2002; for the time being, earnings will be determined by better timekeeping and greater parsimony. A rating of 14.5 times earnings sounds high enough and look out for nervousness if Railtrack does show signs of sending cash down tunnels.

Bank of Ireland

BANK of Ireland's figures showed that the Celtic Tiger is still awake and bungry. Strong growth in both the lending market and in fee-based income helped to lift the bank's first-half pre-tax profits by 30 per cent. Along-side its arch rival, Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland dominates the banking sector in its native country. With about 1 million customers, the bank's share of high street business is close to 40 per cent — enough to make a British

banker's mouth water. Such huge clout has enabled the bank to benefit from the Republic's fabulous growth rate. GNP is running at between 6 and 7 per cent per annum, while demand for housing has seen property prices rise by 16 per cent this year.

Sooner or later, such rates

The Sun?

Capital Radio

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dressed he may be, but Chris

Evans certainly makes life in

the City interesting. Who else would use a radio breakfast

show to tout for money to buy

the same radio company and

get it because someone from

Apax was listening? Who else

could have analysts reading

the latest financial news from

But when the smile fades

on Evans's face, the most

likely outcome will be that

Richard Branson will pocket

a pile of cash and take 9.9 per

cent of an enlarged Capital Radio Group and a seat on

the board. Capital are serious players in radio — they have

yet to prove they understand

the restaurant business any-

thing like as well — and a Virgin-Capital Radio link-up

will be good for the growth of

rivals, such as GWR, want to

unlikely to be shared by smaller London stations such

as XFM. There is, of course, a third option: Richard Branson could decide to do his own thing. Virgin Radio is doing well, with profits now up to £4.4 million, and there never was a "for sale" sign on the door. But business logic still points to a Virgin-Capital consummation, even if it takes a few months.

Molins

MOLINS is in deep trouble. Its prime wheeze, helping tobacco barons to make fags to sell to the Chinese, has imploded under a wave of government turmoil.

The next best thing, helping them to make cigarettes similar beating as they save their pennies for punitive

main, and as they provide.

the never-ending rumours about Barclays and NatWest should cast their eye over Bank of Ireland. With a p/e ratio of around 13, it looks cheap compared with most of its peers on the mainland.

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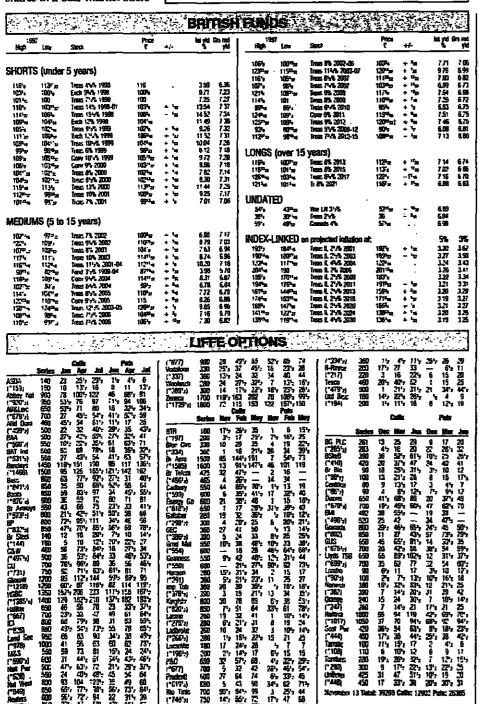
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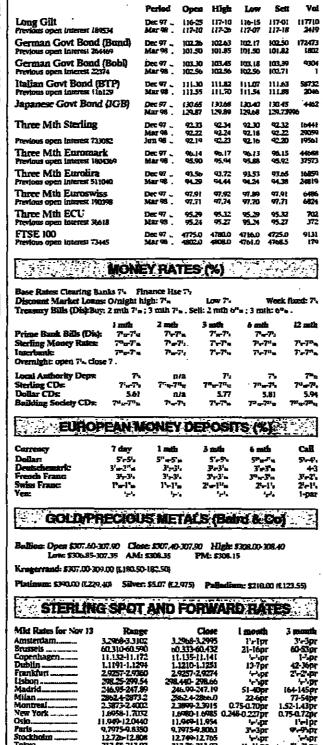
The market is in no doubt about the task ahead. The shares have dived to a sixyear low. But is this an opportunity to buy on bad news? It depends on whether the cigarette machine market will bounce back, and to

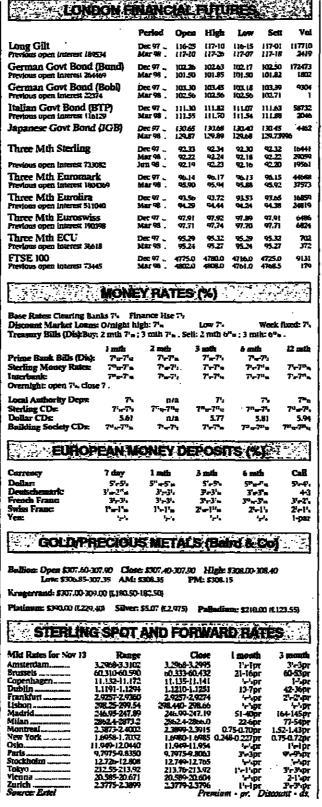
The company is bullish; it talks of the good times coming back within two years. If delivers the cost savings and wins back the custom, it could well return to the Molins of yore, with a 12 per cent margin and consistent 15 per cent earnings growth. Also, tobacco is only 80 per cent of the story; its packag-ing division continues to do

Yet, spending £8 million to. cut the workforce by 25 per cent suggests preparation for

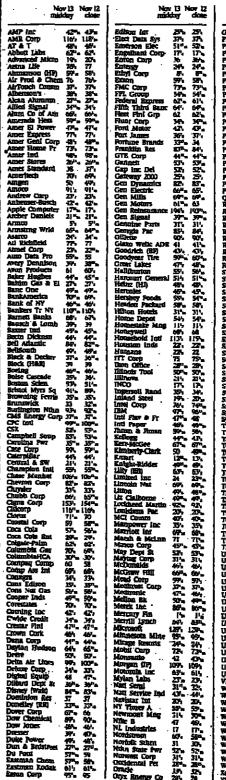


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How Asia's financial typhoon could blow a cold wind west

Tokyo must stimulate

its economy to avoid a

return to 1929 mayhem

The last time this column discussed the Asian financial crisis (for once this overused bord is perfectly apt), the question in many people's minds was whether the panic in such relatively insignificant economies as Malaysia and Thailand would spread to the one South-East Asian centre capable of seriously affecting the global economy - Hong Kong. The answer was predict-

The Hang Seng index, at 15,000 on August 29, when this column last visited South-East Asia, has fallen 40 per cent in

the past two months. With the Hong Kong stock market wrecked, the financial typhoon turned north, hitting Taiwan and Korea. Both of these large and previously robust economies have now suffered devaluation and stock market collapse. With collateral evaporating and companies unable to service their foreign prrency loans, bank panics have been the inevitable result. To make matters worse, many of the insolvent banks have turned out to be controlled by associates or relations of local political leaders. As a result, the markets are starting to question the credit-worthiness not only of individual Thai. Korean and Indonesian banks and companies, but of the

All this may be thoroughly unpleasant for western devotees of the "Asian miracle" who believed that the streets of. Kuala Lamour would soon be paved with gold, but what does it mean for the rest of the world? Yesterday, the US Congrass asked the two economists withse views on this question Greenspan, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Larry Summers, the Deputy Secretary of the US Treasury in charge of international affairs. Reading between the lines, the

mounting anxiety in Washing-ton-was clear. Mr Greenspan pointed to three main channels through which the Asian crisis could hurt America and, by implication, Europe. The first channel is "financial contagion": the loss of confidence in emerging markets has spread financial problems to all emerging economies, not only in Asia but also in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Although Mr Greenspan will never say so, the collapse in emerging stock markets would not, on its own, have upset the Fed. Mr Greenspan noted almost a year ago that stock markets were

suffering from "irrational exuberance, and nowhere was the exuberance more irrational than in overpriced, speculative markets such as Malaysia and Hong Kong. To the extent that losses in emerging markets could instil some sobriety on Wall Street, the Fed may be

The trouble lies in the broadprices on the economies of the Third World and Eastern Europe. In the long term, Mr Greenspan expressed a confidence in these economies. which seems almost certain to be justified. The reason for long-term confidence is not that Asia has discovered a miraculous new model of capitalism or that the people there are more disciplined, more respectful of authority or harder working. It is simply that Asia starts so far behind America and Europe.

As Mr Greenspan put it: There is no reason that aboveaverage growth in countries that are still in a position to gain from catching up with the prevailing technology cannot persist for a very long time." What investors now have to realise, however, is that the same "advantages" of technological backwardness and low

wages apply to much of Latin America, Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. At present these regions are inevitably being sucked into the financial maelstrom along with Asia, but when the crisis is over, they may emerge relatively stronger if the mystique of the "Asian miracle disappears. The second channel of influence from world trade and therefore on economic growth in America and Europe.

his impact may be quite modest, not because the countries concerned are unimportant but because economic policymakers in America and especially in Europe - are likely to respond to the Asian crisis by keeping interest rates lower than they otherwise would. Although Mr Greenspan emphasised that the countries at the heart of the crisis buy only a small fraction of US exports, he added that the loss of trade for America would become more serious as the loss of confidence spread to

Latin America and other

emerging regions. When Mr

Greenspan says, as he did

economy will be "not negligi-ble" or that the growth of US exports will "tend to be muted". he may be stating the obvious, but he is also confirming that. in setting American monetary policy, the Fed will take these deflationary forces fully into account. Whether policymakers in Europe and Britain to be seen, but I suspect that the Bundesbank and the Bank of France are watching the turmoil in Asia every bit as carefully as the Fed. Many financial analysts currently view the global impact of the

events in Asia on the US

Asian crisis as a much bigger problem for America than for Europe, because America trades more with these countries than Europe and because American multinationals have derived an increasing share of their profits from the rapid growth of Asian markets for branded goods such as Coca-Cola, Intel microprocessors or Disney cartoons.

This is a misconception. For Europe — and especially for Germany — the loss of exports to Eastern Europe and Russia caused by the collapse of financial confidence in all emerging markets is almost as serious as

the US. Worse still, Germany and France are particularly exposed in Asia because their exports are focused on heavy capital goods, infrastructure projects and luxury products. Sales of gas turbines and champagne to Malaysia and Thailand are likely to suffer even more than sales of Michael Jackson and Gillette razors.

Furthermore, the European economies are more vulnerable than America to deflationary shocks, simply because their growth is entirely export-dependent and domestic demand remains weak. The Bundesbank should therefore be at least as alert to the dangers from Asia as is Mr Greenspan. If not, Europe could end up suffering far more than the US.

his observation brings me to the third major channel of influence from Asia to the global economy identified by Mr Greenspan. This is the desperately weak economy of Japan. Japan is now in its sixth year of economic stagnation. Its financial markets have suffered far worse damage than anything seen in the rest of Asia. Japanese share and property prices are still worth only 40 per cent of the peak levels they hit almost eight years ago (a cautionary lesson for anyone who believes that shares and buying after a steep fall).

As the financial crisis moves from Hong Kong to Seoul to Tokyo, Japan's banks are again sliding towards insolvency, as they were in 1995. But this time insurance companies and stockbrokers are also on the brink of a precipice.

The Japanese Government's response to all these problems is to promise more "deregulation". But deregulation cannot deal with demand management problems, welcome though it would be. There is now only one sure way of pulling the Japanese economy back from this precipice by applying a dose of Keynesian demand stimulus with an immediate tax cut, as argued on

this page on September 26. With a modest fiscal stimueconomy would be restored and the economy would rapidly recover. Such a recovery would more than offset all the damage done to the world economy by the problems in Korea, Malaysia and Hong Kong. But without a fiscal stimulus, the Asian financial crisis could do to Japan what the 1929 crash on Wall Street did to America.

The question now is whether Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, wants to go down in history as Japan's Herbert Hoover. So far, his indifference to economic danger suggests that he does. But Japanese governments have a long history of stepping up to the brink and pulling back just in time. If the Asian crisis finally forces the Japanese to look into the precipice, perhaps it will have done more good than harm.

mood than Sir Robert Horton, the Railtrack chairman, yesterday as the shares closed above £10. He was almost beside himself — over the view from his new corner office on the 13th floor of Railtrack House in Euston Square. Gazing at the London skyline, Sir Bob spied the old BP building, where he was also once chairman. "I used to have an office in Britannic Tower, but I think the view is much better from here," he said. An understandable preference, given his involuntary departure from BP.

☐ HELEN LIDDELL, Economic Secretary to the Treasury and scourge of the nickname. Within the industry, it seems, she is known as Stalin's Granny. At yesterday's Building Societies Association lunch she disagreed with this, as you might expect. Her own researches, she said; suggested Stalin's granny was quite a nice old dear.

Stage apron

EMPLOYEES of the Really Useful Group thought Christmas had arrived early a few days ago when a present from Lord Lloyd-Webber popped onto the doormat. My informant opened his with shaking hands. Inside was . . . an apron, stamped with the gold I rang in search of enlight-



Lord Lloyd-Webber has sent aprons to staff to

Yahoo! puts Web in a spin with dynamic policy of expansion

was one of many tiny loss-making Internet companies. It provided noth ing more than a directory of Web sites with a catchy name, created by two gecky PhD students at Stanford University in America.

The turning point came when they hired Tim Koogle, then a 43-year-old former Motorola executive, who decided to turn Yahoo! into a heavyweight media com-pany, funded entirely by advertising. Koogle is well on the way to achieving this. having teamed up with several other companies to pro-vide a range of commercial services run alongside Yanool's original news and

By allowing customers to use their credit cards online - they enter their details on a secure site run by the company - Yahoo! in the US now provides a share information and stock broking service, a travel information and booking service, and access to many other Internet

shopping sites.
In the UK, Yahoo! has just launched a continuously updated share price site, with an online stock broking and travel service expected to follow next year. The company is also working on a UK site which allows people to buy and sell property and find rented accommodation. The level of commercial confidence in Yahoo! was demonstrated at its stock

market flotation last year, which made David Filo and Jerry Yang, its twentysomething founders, an estimated £90 million each. Since then, Yahoo!'s aggressive policy of expansion has helped it to break into profits, and boost its value to about £1.2 billion. Everything about Yahoo! including its enormous

valuation - seems to be slightly surreal. The company's London office is so minimal and has so few staff it makes you wonder whether it actually exists. There is no marking on the door outside, apart from a tiny postage stamp-sized sticker displaying the company's cheerful logo. Koogle fits the image per-fectly. His name makes him

sound like a character from a children's television series, and he punctuates every manic warbling laughter. "In 1995 I got a call from a

guy at a recruitment company who said he had a couple of smart kids, a good idea. and that they needed adult supervision," Koogle. At the time, he was president of Intermec, a SeatChris Ayres

service firm

assesses the startling rise to prominence of an Internet

tle data communications company, having previously spent nine years at Motorola. "I thought about the business," he says. "What they had already put on the Web was being used by a fair number of people without any money being spent on marketing. It was a good sign that there was some raw material there. Then I did my homework and saw that in many ways it was analo-

gous to the broadcast network husiness "So I took the job and I went from running a com-pany with \$350 million in revenues and 2,000 employees at three factories worldwide to jumping in with six guys and no business plan." Koogle saw Yahoo! as a

way of tailoring the vast amounts of information on the Internet to suit individual users. By becoming a platform on which other companies could provide commerical services, Yahoo! could give advertisers the opportunity to target audiences with specific interests. The logic followed that, the more services Yahoo! offered, the more people would visit its site, thus increasing advertising revenues.

"If you include high street

Web, along with purchases actually done on the Web. then the industry is probably pretty big," says Koogle, "I guess worldwide it's worth more than \$10 billion, probably way more than that."

Koogle inevitably supports the Government's current drive to get schools on the Internet, but says Yahoo! is not a political company and has not engaged in any lobbying. He sees more government intervention in the Web as inevitable, and worries that an internet shopping tax could be imposed as the industry grows. He is coy about his views on copyright law, which could be altered to prevent Web sites providing direct links to other sites.

e says: "I'm sure copyright laws will be updated, and some of it will be needed."

For the time being, Yahoo! is content to try to capture the burgeoning amounts of advertisers' money being pumped into the Internet estimated to be £3 billion by the year 2000. He believes this will grow further as a new generation of Internet users emerges.

"It's interesting to watch how accepting young kids are of the computer," he says.
"I was having dinner at my brother's house last month and his little five-year-old boy came bouncing in saying: 'Unde Timmy, Unde Timmy, I've just done an FTP transfer! Of course, 1 knew what he was talking about, but my brother just looked at him like he was from the moon.



Tim Koogle gave up a 2,000-staff company for Yahoo!

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Bottle bank WHICH would you rather do, work crucifying hours in invest-ment banking until the ulcers

beer roll off the family produc-tion line? Money being no object, of course. Ian Molson, head of European investment banking at Credit Suisse First Boston, has just made the choice. Funny ming, I know, what with SFB's purchase of BZW, but he is leaving the firm for reasons quite unconnected with this week's purchase, to be replaced by Chris Carter. Molson had been at CSFB

stop you, or watch bottles of



The 17.47 is delayed due to champagne bottles on the track"

family brewery of the same name in Montreal. He is staying in London, though. "Molson will be taking up a half to a third of my time." The rest, he is undecided on, but is enthusiastic about opportunities in Russia.

☐ THE sad and unexpected James Miller, chairman of Wassall, at the age of 72. He was the father of chief executive Chris Miller, to whom our ympathies are extended. He had chaired what is about our last surviving successful con-glomerate since 1988. Miller senior had an interesting side-line, I hear. He also chaired two family businesses, Hardy's and Harris & Sheldon. The former makes the best fishing tackle, the latter owns some of the best fishing water in the country, rights to a chunk of the Tweed including Junction Pool, which they tell me is the absolute Mecca for anglers. They will continue to be run by Chris's brother, Michael.

Ritz cracker

MOHAMED AL FAYED has fallen out big-time with a former marketing man, and the matter has gone to m'learned friends. Among Alan Duddle's

duties at the Fayed empire was brand development at the Paris Ritz, and he was fired from that job just four days before the tragic events of the end of August, having been booted out of Harrods three

weeks before. He is suing for wrongful dismissal and about half a year's salary, unspecified, from both employers. He only ioined at the start of the year. His lawyers' statement says he was responsible both for the hotel and for something called the "Duke and Duchess of Windsor Brands", of which Harrods pleads absolute

Duddle is out of the country. and no one is saying any more. The usual sources at Harrods say they are fighting the claim, and, intriguingly, issuing a counter-claim "to recover substantial damages". Unusual, to say the least. This one could be fun.

Better view

NO ONE was in a better

portcullis logo of the House of Lords. Gosh. Just what he had always wanted. So practical. And so colourful. It's significance otherwise was rather lost, except to remind us all of the tunesmith's ennoblement

aprons are to commemorate a party last month for staff at the House of Lords to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Really Useful Group's formation. They came from the House of Lords gift shop.

MARTIN WALLER

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fails to rouse City

FKI, the engineering group, yesterday said that the long awaited sale of its automotive division would raise £92.5 million — significantly less than the City expected. FKI shares fell 4½ p, to 187p, against a high of 215p last month. The division will be sold

to Trident Automotive, a management-led company backed by Phildrew Ventures and UBS.

FKI said the sale would allow it to concentrate on its core activities of material handling, hardware and electrical engineering. Proceeds of the sale would be used to reduce group gearing to below 60 per cent, it said. FKI has spent about £500 million on acquisi-

tions in the past two years.

Bob Beeston, FKI chief executive, did not rule out further acquisitons, espe-cially in South-East Asia.

Warner slips

Pre-tax profits of Warner Howard, the distributor of commercial laundry and hygiene equipment, fell to £3.26 million (£3.95 million) in the half year to August 31 after a £590,000 exceptional charge against ending the catering activi-ties. Earnings per share fell to 9.28p (10.94p). A dividend rise, to 3.85p, from 3.5p, was said to reflect confidence in the future.

Porter payout

Porter Chadburn, the label maker, is lifting its interim dividend by 20 per cent, to 0.30, after an 18 per cent -rise in pre-tax profits, to -£2.7 million, in the half year to September 26. Earnings per share rose by 5.5 per cent, to 1.74p. Turnover from continuing operations rose 11 per cent, to

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FKI deal Water chief stirs debate on fat cats

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

said that its interest in Siba, a

water business, was under re-view because of the Italian Gov-

ernment's slow progress in de-

livering operating concessions. South West's pre-tax profits

for the half year to September 30 remained at £68 million if

exceptional items, such as bid

defence costs and profits from

disposals, are stripped out of the previous year's figures. Its interim dividend, due on April

6, rises 11.9 per cent, to 13.2p.

The company said that it

wanted expansion of its non-

regulated husinesses to help to

fund future dividend growth.

SOUTH WEST WATER yesterday claimed that low pay is deterring would-be chief executives of the company as it struggles to find a new head after nearly a year of searching.

Ken Harvey, non-executive chairman, yesterday fuelled the debate about fat-cat salaries in the utilines by saying:
"For certain people, salary is a
problem." He added that he had interviewed about a dozen candidates and that "a lot of people" had been seen at a

South West Water began seeking a chief executive after Keith Court, the former executive chairman, said that he wanted to leave the company late last year. He had been planning to retire for some time, but stayed on while South West defended itself against bids from Severn Trent and Wessex Water.

Mr Harvey, who was ap-pointed to his £84,000 role in January, has said that the new chief executive will not be paid as much as Mr Court, who, in his final year, received £172,000 after bonuses boosted a basic salary of £127,000. Mr Harvey, a former chief executive of Norweb, said that

the new person needed a mixture of utilities experience and customer awareness. South West yesterday announced a move into the nascent competitive water market in a joint venture with Enviro-Logic, a water engineer. South West is paying £450,000 for 50 per cent of Enviro-Logic, with the two working in a joint venture that will focus on providing water for companies, mainly by exploiting untapped resources such as boreholes. It also hopes to provide



Ken Harvey, left, yesterday with Ken Hill, finance director of South West Water

Utilities turn off fewer taps

er customers halved in the first half of this year, according to the industry regulator (Christine Buckley writes). Just under 1,000 homes — a

rate of one per 20,000 households - were cut off for nonpayment of bills. The latest figures mark the sixth consecutive year that disconnections have fallen. Ian Byatt, the regulator, said: "Disconnections are now at a very low level - and well below the level recorded before

privatisation." Mr Byatt has been pressing water companies to explore all options before disconnecting supplies. He said: "Developing the range of payment

options available, as well as maintaining early and effective contact, reduces the need for disconnection. This should only be a last resort.

Seven companies made no disconnections in the period: Southern, South East, South West, Southern, Tendring Hundred and Wessex.

Scapa blames sterling for dip in profits

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE strength of sterling cost Scapa Group almost £5 million in the first half of the year, the company said yesterday.

The manufacturer of indus-trial products, primarily for the paper industry, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £29.2 million, from £30.2 million, in the six months to September 30, which was blamed on the volatile foreign exchange market

Scapa said adverse currency movements reduced the translation of overseas earnings into sterling by about £2.9 million. A further £2 million was considered to be a conservative estimate of the impact on exports, imports and domestic market prices. Reported earnings fell to 8.4p a share. from 8.6p, but would have been virtually unchanged at

constant exchange rates. Scana earns the vast majority of its profits outside the UK. In the six-month period, UK operating profits fell to £4.4 million, from £7.8 million. The rest of Europe contributed £10.6 million (£8.1

million), North America £17.7 million (£17.7 million) and

(EI.4 million). David Dunn, chief executive, said papermaking products and services, which accounts for almost half of sales and more than 50 per cent of profits, saw underlying profit

growth of about 7 per cent. Mr Dunn welcomed the continued consolidation taking place in the pulp and paper industry, which is leading to a smaller number of global players in the sector. In October, Scapa merged its own North American and clothing divisions under one

management team. Second-half prospects were encouraging, said Mr Dunn, assuming no further strength-ening of sterling. However, even at these levels, the strong pound would continue to be a negative factor.

The interim dividend is increased 6.8 per cent to 2.05p a share. The shares fell op to 2334 p yesterday.

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Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Robert Walker Judgment October 24

Article II of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Judgments, signed at Brussels in 1968, by which an insurer could bring proceedings Only in the courts of the contracting state in which the defendant was domiciled, was not limited to insurers domiciled in contracting states. It applied to any insurer, wherever domiciled, who sought to bring proceedings against a defendant in the courts of a contracting state when the defendant was domiciled in another contracting

A defendant was entitled by article II to counterclaim only against a plaintiff to the original claim. A new claim could not be added against a new party domi-ciled outside the jurisdiction. The Court of Appeal so held, refusing to make a reference to the European Court of Justice and dismissing an appeal by Baltic counterclaim, against a decision of Mr Justice Langley on October 31, tion to determine the claims of Baltic, a Lithuanian corporation, against the sixth to eighth defendants. Quay Financial Software Ltd. Mr Dermot Desmond and Mr Gerard Giblin, who were not plaintiffs in the original action. Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin, who were both domiciled in the Republic of Ireland, were directors of

An English company, Jordan Grand Prix Ltd, the plaintiff in the original action, ran a motor racing team. Jordan claimed it had agreed to make bonus payments to its employees if it finished in the top six of the 1994 FIA Formula i constructors' world championship That contingent liability Jordan alleged was insured with Baltic through managing agents in Bel-

Quay alleged that it agreed to sporsor Jordan's team and to make sponsorship payments contingent on the team finishing in the top six. That liability Quay claimed was also insured with

In the 1994 championship Jordan finished fifth. Baltic refused to pay the claims of Jordan and Quay, alleging conspiracy by Jorthe counterclaim to defraud Baltic. Jordan issued the writ in this action against Baltic claiming money due under the alleged insurance. Quay brought proceed-

In its defence to that action Baltic insurance contracts and counterclaimed damages for conspiracy and fraud against Jor-dan and Quay. Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin were said to have been

ings against Baltic in Belgium.

parties to the conspiracy. Quay, Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin applied under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the action against them to be dismissed on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to determine Baltic's claims against

After argument restricted to issues arising under article 11, with any issues arising under articles 21 and 22 of the Brussels Convention reserved, Mr Justice Langley dis-missed the action against Quay, Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin for

Mr Anthony Trace for Baltic; Mr Richard Southern for Quay, Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin.

distinction had to be made be-

tween payments made by employ-

an employee, for being an em-ployee or for having been an employee, all of which were tax-

able, and payments, such as a

ceasing or having ceased to be an

because such payments did not

arise from employment: rather

ers as an inducement to becom

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the Conven-tion in articles 7 to 12A established

The whole issue between the parties arose from the alleged insurance and whether it was binding and effective.

Apart from that issue Mr Justice Langley had considered three ouestions under article it: Was article II limited to insurers

domiciled in contracting states?

2 Did the right of Baltic as the defendant insurer to counterclaim extend to joinder of Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin as co-defendants with Jordan, where they were not parties to the action by Jordan? 3 Did the fact that Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin were not policy-holders, the insured or beneficiaries mean that article 11 did not

apply to them?

The judge had answered all those questions in the negative. There was no express authority on the question of domicile of insurers. In New Hampshire Co v unsurers. In New Hampshire Co v Strabag Bau (1992) 1 Lloyd's Rep 361, 367) Lord Justice Lloyd had held that an English court had no jurisdiction to hear a claim by an American insurer against a German-domiciled insured. The purpose of article 11 was to protect small insureds. It was not re-

counterclaim in article 11 was limited to a claim against the original plaintiff. That was correct, and in line with authority in Republic of Liberia v Gulf Oceanic Inc ([1985] 1 Lloyd's Rep 439). Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd v Kate Shipping Co Ltd (1990) l WLR 1!5) and The Maciej Rataj

([1995] 1 Lloyd's Rep 302). The judge was also right on the third point. He rejected the submission that policy-holders, insureds and beneficiaries was an exhaustive list of those able to take advantage of article II. Those words elaborated rather

than qualified the word "defen-dant". It mattered not in what capacity the claim was made against the defendant provided it lated to insurance. Recause Baltic was not entitled

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord

Greene & MacRae, Cameron Markby Hewitt.

Salary in lieu of notice taxable as emolument where a payment as compensation for loss of office was held to be

EMI Group Electronics Ltd v Coldicott (Inspector of Taxes) Before Mr Justice Neuberger Judgment October 22 the right to make a payment to an employee on terminating his employment of the equivalent of

Notes for brokers

contracts.

A payment of the equivalent of salary in lieu of notice made by an employer to an employee on ter-mination of his employment was

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in a reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division dismissing an ap-peal by EMI Group Electronics Ltd from a determination of the special commissioners that income rax should have been deducted by the company from payments ma by it to two former senior employ-ees under the terms of their contracts of employment Mr Michael Flesch, QC and Mr

Conrad McDonnell for EMI; Mr Launcelot Henderson, OC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

Aneco Reinsurance Under-

writing Ltd (in liquidation) v

It was highly desirable that means be found of recording, in a form which precluded later dispute, what was said between brokers

and underwriters at the time of

Mr Justice Cresswell so stated in

a reserved judgment in the Commercial Court of the Queen's

Bench Division on August I when allowing Aneco Reinsurance

allowing Aneco Reinsurance Underwriting Ltd's claim for dam-

Johnson and Higgins

presentation of risk.

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER whether they were "therefrom". that is, were from the relevant said that EMI's senior employees were employed under contracts ing that the company had For EMI it was argued that a

salary in lieu of notice.

The question was whether such employees whose employments under Schedule E in the light of section 19(1) of the Income and provided that tax under Schedule "shall be charged in respect of any office or employment on emoluments therefrom". If it was not so taxable then, it was agreed that section 148 of the Act, the

golden handshake provision, would apply. Clearly payments in lieu of notice were empluments. The cru-

ages from Johnson and Higgins

for breach of contractual duty of

care and negligence in relation to

the placement of reinsprance

HIS LORDSHIP said it was

highly desirable in the interests of

justice, and of avoiding un-

whenever practicable, claims over insurance against brokers be heard at the same time and by the

same tribunal that determined

whether underwriters had validly

avoided the contract.

they arose from the disappearance of the employment. The issue could thus be shortly expressed and easily understood but its resolution was not so ple: see per Lord Radcliffe in Hochstrasser v Mayes [1960] AC 376, 391) and Lord Woolf in Mairs

v Haughey (1994 | 1 AC 303, 320). But in Laidler v Perry (1966 | AC 16, 30) Lord Reid had said that notwithstanding the wealth of authority on the matter and the various glosses on the words of the provision in judicial opinions: "In the end we must always return to the words in the statute and answer the question: Did this profit arise from the employment? The answer will be 'no' if it arose from something else."

After reviewing the authorities the conclusion was that a payment in lieu of notice was an emolument

First, it was a payment, albeit contingently, due from EMI to the employment. That was clearly

neither a sufficient nor a necessary

consideration, not only as a matter of observations in Hochstrasser, in Laidler and in Hunter v Dewhurst (1932) 16 TC 605, Hi.). It was a factor suggesting that a payment in lieu of notice derived from the package of benefits which EMI as prospective employer, offered to an employee to induce him to take the

Second, the receipt of a payment in lieu of notice arose from the existence of the

employer/employee relationship and not ... from something else": see per Lord Oliver of Aylmerton in Bray v Best (1989] 1 WLR 167, 176). The terms on which an employment contract could be brought to an end were selfevidently an inherent part of the contractual relationship.

Third, a payment in lieu of notice was not personal to any particular employee or dependen on the personal circumstances of the employee. It could not fairly be said to be a payment to relieve the employee against distress, or something akin, as in something akin, as Hochstrasser, as explained by Lord Woolf in Mairs (at p321).

Fourth, it would seem surprising if a payment in lieu of notice, given in lieu of letting the employee earn from EMI. was not taxable given that earnings would have been. Fifth, a payment in lieu of notice was payable in circumstances similar to those in Dale v de

Soissons ((1950) 32 TC 118, CA).

to counterclaim except against the original plaintiff, that point

Since the judge was clearly correct on all the points in issue it was not appropriate to refer the points to the European Court of Justice.

Justice Otton delivered concurring Solicitors: LeBoeuf Lamb

assessable under Schedule E. and in Hunter v Dewhurst ((1931) 16 TC 605, CA): both cases relied on by

It would be wrong to suggest that the arguments the other way had no force. The decision and reasoning in *Mairs* clearly gave EMI a powerful case.

However, the crucial point was that the fiscal quality of the payment in that case was determined by the fact that it was a contractual substitution for a redundancy payment. A redundancy payment was to be regarded as compensation for loss of status or of the employee's stake in his employment and could property be perceived as a payment to relieve

The same points could not be made in respect of a payment in lieu of notice, which was simply part of the agreed machinery for determining the employee's con-tract of employment.

The distinction between the two types of payment was a fine one. this was an area of the law where narrow distinctions could make all the difference.

In the light of the statutory words and the way in which they had been interpreted by the courts a payment in lieu of notice ha more in common with a deferred payment, as in Dale, than with that in Mairs for the purpose of deciding that it was an emolument from employment.

Solicitors: Rowe & Maw: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Council to pay interest on reinstatement costs

Manchester City Council v Haistead

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment October 23] A valid claim for interest on compensation paid by a local authority under the compulsory nurchase legislation could be costs paid by the local authority in of the Land Compensation Act

Section 11(1) of the Compulsory urchase Act 1965 applied to such a claim to permit payment of interest from the date of entry into possession until the compensation was paid regardless of when reinstatement took place.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Manchester City Coun-cil from the judgment of Mr Justice Buckley sitting in Manchester District Registry in December 1993 in which he upheld the claim of Mr David Halstead, for the members of the Whalley Range Methodist Church Council and the custodian trustees of the Methodist Church.

The court also rejected the council's defence under the Limitation Act 1980, holding that the church's cause of action accrued at the date that the compensation was agreed and not on earlier dates when the council had made reinstatement payments to cover building costs

Mr Charles George, QC and Mr Peter Keenan for the council; Mr Andrew Gilbart, QC and Mr Mark Harper for the Methodist

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that in 1972 the Methodist Church had owned two churches, one in Manchester, the other in Whalley Range, that were included in slum clearance compulsory purchase orders made by Manchester City

Notices of entry were served by the council and entry effected in April 1974. Agreement was church would be built at Whalley

Range at the cost of the council.

Building began in 1980 under a contract between the church and the builders, the council reimbursing the church for sums becoming due under the contract. Thus the council made 23 stage payments, described as "payments on account of compensation payable for the

property ... in accordance with rule (5) of section 5" of the Land Compensation Act 1961, between 1980 and 1986 totalling £718,420. The contract works were com-

In November 1985 the parties agreed the final amount of compensation due at £719,320 but not what further sum, if any, was due as interest. In May 1990 the plaintiff's writ was issued claiming interest on the sum paid from the date of entry until the date of payment, namely November 6, 1986, but giving credit for each of the stage payments as and when it was made.

The council contended that no valid claim for interest could be made in respect of the sums which the council had paid for reinstate ment of the two churches. The nocket in relation to the huilding short period during which it could not use either the old or the new building. Interest would represent fundamental principle of equiva-lence that required an acquiring authority to pay as much as, but no more than, was necessary to compensate an owner for the loss

of his property.

Section 11(1) of the 1965 Act provided that any compensation agreed "shall carry interest at the rate prescribed ... from the time of

entry until compensation is paid.". Section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961 set out the rules for assessing the compensation: rule (2) covered open market value and rule (5), applicable to the present case, "reasonable cost of equivalent reinstatement" in respect of land for which there was no general demand or market and there was a bona fide intention to

For the council it was said that there was no scope for a claim for interest in a rule (5) reinstatement

for the cost of acquiring other land and the owner of the land was never out of pocket as regards the

costs of reinstalement. The situation, it was said, was different from compensation paid under rule (2): if a claim for interest was allowed in a rule 15) case the claimant would receive a windfall benefit in excess of what was

necessary to compensate him for his actual loss and the principle of equivalence was breached. The judge had rejeated the council's arguments. He was right to do so. They were contrary to the clear words of section 11(h) of the 1965 Act that gave a claimant a right to interest from the date of

entry in a rule (5) case. The church was entitled to the express terms of section 11(1) on agreed from the time of entry in

1974 and continuing until it was paid. The express words could not be read as meaning until reinstatement took place". The council had also raised a limitation defence under section 9(1) of the Limitation Act 1980. Thereby an "action to recover any

the expiration of six years from the church's cause of action accrued when the amount of compensation was agreed in November 1985 or. as the council submitted, pro rata

when each instablient was paid between 1980 and 1986. The statutory right to recover interest did not arise until the amount on which it became due was awarded or agreed. The clear interest would compensate the claimant for non-payment during the intervening period. The agreement as to compensation in November 1985 therefore precluded the council from asserting that agreement was reached at some earlier date. The claim was

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Mrs Susan Orrell, Manchester: Pannone & Partners,

Taxation appeal is rehearing

Vandersteen v Agius and Another

An appeal on taxation of county court costs from the decision of a district judge to a circuit judge under Order 13, rule 1(10) of the 1678 L20) was a complete rehear-ing. The circuit judge was not obliged to follow the discretion of

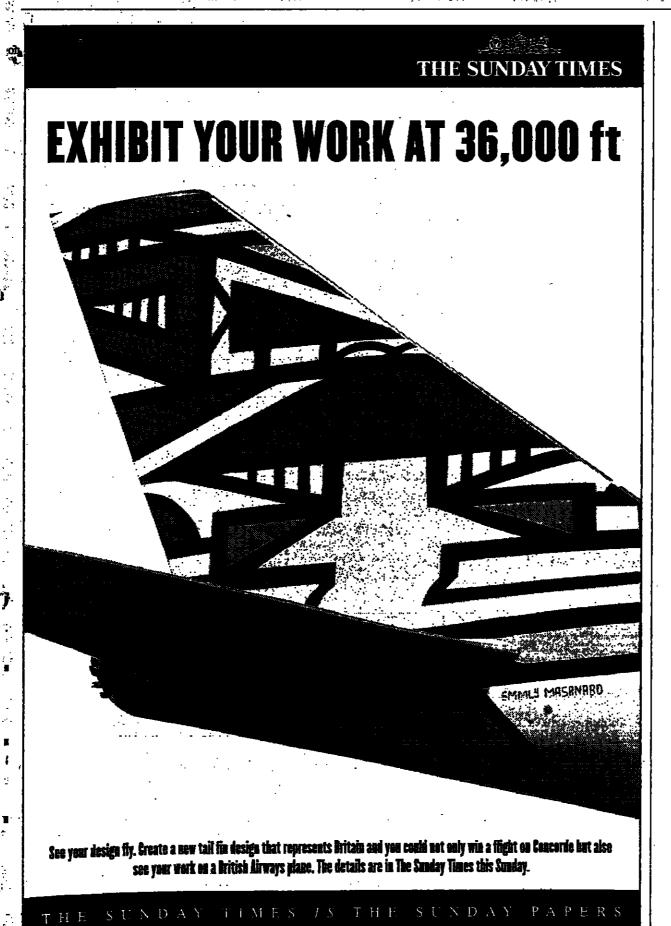
the district judge. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Christopher Slade) so stated on October 16 when dismissing the appeal of decision of Judge Tibber at Edmonton County Court on September 2, 1996 upholding the decision of District Judge Silverman on February 29, 1996 to disallow the whole of the legally aided plaintiff's bill of costs.

LQRD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that under Order 62, rule 28(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, incorporated into the County Court Rules by

Court Rules, an appeal lay to a judge in chambers from the decision of a taxing master. By Order 58, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court such an appeal was an actual rehearing.

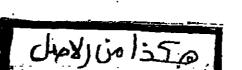
Although the circuit judge wrongly regarded himself as obliged to follow the district judge on a point of discretion, his decision should stand. The case was very old and only \$2,000 was

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times for Britain's consultants. Many will have watched the crash of currencies and stock markets in countries such as Thailand and Malaysia with some trepidation. East Asia and the Pacific brought in fees worth more than £1 billion for members of the British Consultants Bureau (BCB) in its latest financial year to March and South Asia added a further £163 million.

Despite the takeover by China. Hong Kong is still an important source of revenue and a gateway to China so the 25 per cent fall in one week on the Hang Seng Index was bad for the consultants' nerves.

Colin Adams, executive di-rector of the BCB, says: Events in Asia could dent our fee earning, not right now but perhaps in a year's time. Mega projects such as toll roads are predicated on the strength of industry and there is bound to be a downturn unless markets

settle down." The importance of Asia is demonstrated by the fact that 49 firms worked in Malaysia in 1996-97, more than any other country. India, Indonesia and Hong Kong were in the top seven countries using British con-

sultants. Fortunately, British consultants have come into these testing times from a position of strength. Fees earned by bureau members in the 1996-97 year soared 19 per cent to a record £2.4 billion

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fail to find work in just a handful of countries. Last year was no exception: only Haiti, Afghanistan and Francophile Djibouti missed out on British

Last month alone bureau members announced that they had won 72 overseas contracts. They included assessing the safety of heavily used bridges in Bahrain, improving the water supply in Dhaka, monitoring air traffic control in Bulgaria and helping to complete the Nicosia sewage treat-ment scheme, halted when hostilities broke out in 1974.

However, Gill Monaghan, bureau chairman, said in her annual report in September: The competitive environment in which our member companies have operated during the past 12 months has become much keener and has inevitably taken its toll on some

The worry for consultants is that dangers do not surface

'Last month alone bureau members announced that they had won 72 new overseas contracts'

> quickly. For example, the effects of the strong pound have become evident only during the current financial year. This month Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, decided to abolish the programme linking aid and trade that came under fire when it helped UK contractors

to win the controversial

Pergau dam contract in Contracts take time to be won and longer to be implemented. Rarely does substantial work come out of a single trade mission. Follow-up visits are necessary. Then govern-ments need to find the political will, and institutions such as the World Bank the cash, for

the go-ahead to be given. The bureau has taken up the challenge, firstly by sharpening up its own operations. The BCB's role, previously the vague notion of furthering the to assisting firms and individprojects worldwide. Second, it stepping up its lobbying in Westminster and Brussels. Keeping European funded

projects open is crucial.

The bureau is also putting more emphasis on training, especially in helping British consultants to write proposals for contracts. More controversially, this includes training foreign consultants. Mr Adams says: "I think you are far more likely to create partners out of your former pupils than to create rivals." Partnerships could be crucial, since contracts are increasingly being awarded to consortiums. International financial institutions prefer to award work to groups with at least a 40 per cent local content.

Partnerships can also help British consultants to get round the insidious drift towards protectionism in Europrojects through an unofficial quota sys-

tem. Continental consultants, angered at the appearance of two or three British consultants on most shortlists for work within developing countries and countries in transition. are pressing for a greater share of the

cake, irrespective of merit. One way round the impasse is to launch joint bids with, say. Swedish consultants who occupy a comparatively low rung on the ladder. This arrangement keeps Brussels happy, since it improves the Swedish quota, keeps the Swedes sweet and keeps the British on top of the pile. Consultants are often criti-

cised by British engineers and manufacturers for remaining impartial in their advice to overseas clients and refusing to push a pro-British line. Mr Adams argues that UK companies could be more alert to the opportunities. He says: "Often a consultant

will go in, make up a specification in English using British measures giving British companies an advantage yet the take-up by British industry is disappointing. There is no



The traditional and colourful life of Yemen is transforming as modern industry attracts workers to the developing entrepreneurial urban areas

Visit offers eastern promise

The Republic of Yemen has not been visited by a trade mission for several years. As a result, the recent British Consultants Bu-reau (BCB)/Middle East Association visit led by the Duke of Gloucester, the president of the BCB, was very well re-ceived and given enormous publicity.

It was regarded by the Yemenis as the first official royal visit since the Queen visited in 1952, and accorded There are a large number of

otential projects in Yemen for British consultants who, despite major political upheavals, have worked continuously in various parts of the country over the years and are highly regarded. Aden, the former British

protectorate, though war-ravaged, is still recognisable as the place I knew 33 years ago, but it is being slowly developed, notably as a major container port.

The large Russian presence of the Eighties is now reduced to the Consul, his daughter Colin Adams on the royal status given to a trip to

Yemen by a delegation led by the Duke of Gloucester

and two others. Ta'izz, in the central region of the country, closely resembles Cyprus in climate and vegetation, is rapidly becoming a major entrepreneurial centre. However, with mass movement from village to town and large-scale development, it is Sana, the capital, that presents consultants with the

greatest challenges. The city faces acute shortages of clean water, electrical power and modern effective organisations to manage the country's transition. Our seminar and work-

shops in Sana, which were attended by representatives of the World Bank and other funding agencies, highlighted the difficulties British firms now face in many parts of the world. There is a strong wish on the part of developing nations and the international funding agencies to use Brit-

They regularly get shortlisted and at times fail the final selection, not on quality or price, but because rival international consultants have stronger financial backing from their governments.

British consultancy has developed over the years into a much more finely tuned independent sector of industry compared with others. In the majority of countries, consul tancy tends to be merely a department within manufacturing or contracting comanies, rather than an entity in its own right.

For many years the independence of British consultancies has tended to be one of its major strengths and this is well-known throughout the world.

As the positive BCB statistics demonstrate, it is this independence, coupled with professionalism and knowhow, that enable our consultants to regularly win projects. However, there is no doubt that the game is becoming harder when so much bilateral financial assistance is made available from elsewhere. In her White Paper on Development, Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, was right to highlight the need for greater coordinated action between the international funding agencies and donor countries to ensure that aid-giving is prop-

erly targeted and appropriate.

lar too often, the recipi-

ents of aid play one country off against another, or put too much emphasis in one particular aspect or region. As a result. consulting advice, design or management may not be the professional or cost

Much of the potential diffi-culty for British consultants lies in the interpretation, by most countries in the world, of the relationship between aid and trade. Again, the White Paper has done a great deal to clarify the issue, inject a note of realism and highlight the

benefits for those involved in

aid of working more directly with private business. Aid should be given, justifiably, to

But it would be good if at the same time it engenders goodwill for the donor country and results in increased trade and communication between recipient and donor.

The verdict of British con-

sultants on both the government White Paper on Development and the parallel exercise undertaken by the Department of Trade and industry on sharpening up the support and organisation for trade is very positive. The BCB was consulted in depth in the preparation of both documents.

Clearly, after the publica-tion of the White Paper, there was disappointment on the part of the BCB that the aid and trade provision was not retained. There will be some impact on British consultants working internationally, particularly those in infrastructure, but it is the contractors and those in procurement who will be most affected.

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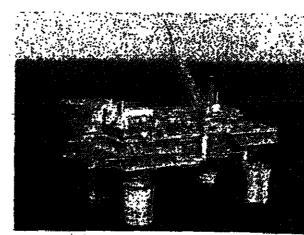
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Sue Spenceley Burch profiles six winners of this year's awards whose expertise has touched the lives of millions throughout the world

The bridge that beats typhoons

THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14 1997

Lantan Link - Mott MacDonald: Category A

(tangible visible projects) remarkable road largest of its kind to carry highway and railway traffic — has won the British Consultancy Firm of the Year award for Mott MacDonald.

The Lantau Link provides access from Hong Kong and Kowloon to the former colony's new port and airport on Lantau Island and its two bridges will be the first structures to provide a truly allweather crossing, even in the area's typhoon winds.

As the Hong Kong Govern-ment's engineer, Mott Mac-Donald has conceived, planned, designed, managed and co-ordinated the £780 million project in record time. Construction was completed in

The two new bridges — the Tsing Ma suspension bridge with a main span of 4,590ft, and Kap Shui Mun cablestayed bridge with a main span of 1,43lft — now link the mainland with Lantau. Each carries a six-lane highway, twin railway tracks and two emergency road lanes on a sheltered lower level.

Mott MacDonald, the multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy, began work late in 1989. Between then and May 1992, when construction began, the firm produced the design and advised the Hong Kong highways department on procurement and prepared the contract documentation.

The design was a considerable challenge - Hong Kong experiences very severe tropi-cal storms and winds up to 180mph. The railway's geometrical and operational requirements strongly influenced the layout of Tsing Mas span, and the air corridor for the airport restricted tower

The bridge also straddles the deep Ma Wan channel, the only access route for oceangoing ships serving the Pearl River delta in China. A long span bridge, rather than tun-

hris Davis, Mott MacDonald's director in charge of longspan bridges, says: "Our solution was an extreme ly compact steel two-level deck with stainless steel aerodynamic fairings — the first of its kind to combine streamlining to minimise drag, and venting

to enhance stability." The Hong Kong Government also set high standards for the comfort of train passengers, which required equally innovative track design to

minimise noise and vibration. Once construction began Mott MacDonald's role shifted to contract management and site supervision, and overseeing component manufacture in Britain, Dubai, Japan, China and Australia. The speed of construction stimulated some remarkable engineering. The Tsing Ma deck units for example, were five times heavier than any lifted before.

Using a totally new approach to strand jacking - a technique which uses four jacks attached to the bridge's suspension cables of the bridge - Anglo Japanese Construction, a consortium of UK companies Kvaerner and Costain, and the Japanese firm Mitsui, broke records when they lifted the 1.000-

tondeck units into place. Mr Davis said: "The Lantau Link has created a spectacular gateway to the new airport and provided a landmark for Hong Kong's people to take pride in — a powerful symbol for the future.

Togliatti - Produce Studies Ltd: Category A (tangible, visible projects)

TOGLIATTI, around 600 miles southeast of Moscow, is a city of one million people, best known for producing the Lada car. Like many cities in the former Soviet Union, until recently it had no efficient food distribution system.

The demise of communism brought about the dismantling of state-con-trolled food production, distribution and retailing systems throughout the country. Attempts by Western governments and aid agencies to fill the gap

One of the main problems was the need for capital investment - often as much as \$25 (£1.5 million). Like most Russian cities, Togliatti could not afford it.

In 1994 the European Commission asked Produce Studies of Newbury, Berkshire, to look at the problem. Divisional director Peter Killick explains: "There was a misconception that whole-sale markets had to be large

Tequila — Euro PA

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sumer products, tequila has,

in the past, fallen victim in

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European Union to protect

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Mexican Indian drink made

by fermenting blue agave, a

cactus-like plant. In the 16th

century, Spanish soldiers

the name.



Kap Shui Mun Bridge under construction: the world's biggest road and rail link provides a spectacular gateway to Hong Kong's new airport

The Togliatti market

and therefore needed substantial investment. Our capital funds to stimulate a market in Togliatti amount-ed to just £10,000.

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Wilson's work will keep him busy for the rest of his life.

A director of Environment Resources Management, he is one of the world's most re-

spected experts in his field.
"When I graduated from Oxford, I wanted to do something to help the environ-ment," he says. "In the early Seventies waste was out of sight out of mind' and open dumping was common. To become involved in the planning and science of waste management was really at the

cutting edge."

He specialises in develop ing strategies for municipal, industrial and hazardous waste management, and in

designing disposal facilities. He has completed a strate gic masterplan for Madras. now also known as Chennai to improve waste disposal of household and industrial waste and improve landfill sites. It includes strategies for



Dr Wilson: cutting edge

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terial into compost.

A plan such as this often means considering far wider issues. The Madras plan includes a strategy to protect the livelihoods of pickers, who search the dump for reusable items to sell. One solution is to incorporate their work into

official recycling schemes.

Dr Wilson is also developing a solid waste management plan in Sri Lanka and systems for controlling hazardous

waste in Russia and Vietnam. He is writing the official World Bank handbook on authorities and planners in low-income countries.

The scope of his work is breathtaking, from policy development to high-tech treatment facilities to thinking up alternatives for people who earn their livelihood out of

scavenging garbage. His main aim, he says, is to make local people selfsufficient.



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John Strak, director of Euro PA, says: "Mexico imports around \$75 million of spirits from the EU each year. The Mexican economy is growing vigorously, so Mexico could soon attain the level of spirit consumption

seen in EU countries. "Mexico is also influential in Latin America and could set a precedent for similar agreements on spirits

Pip Morrison of Architects Co-partnership: Category A (tangible, visible project)

BUILDING a hospital from scratch in three years would be a formidable enough challenge in Europe — but to do it in the Gaza Strip is remarkable. But that is what Architects Co-partnership, and contractors "Mivan International, have done. Pip Morrison was design

team project manager, a role that has won him a Consultant of the Year Award. "In 1991 UNRWA, the United Agency for Palestine Refugees, identified a shortage of 1,000 hospital beds in the Gaza Strip," he says. "We won the tender to design a 232-bed hospital, funded by the World Bank, but then the Gulf War broke out. The World Bank withdrew, but luckily the European Com-mission stepped in."

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The finished hospital

Work started in November 1993. "The area was under Israeli occupation and there were strikes, curfews and clashes. A lot of people were getting shot," Mr Morrison says. "We

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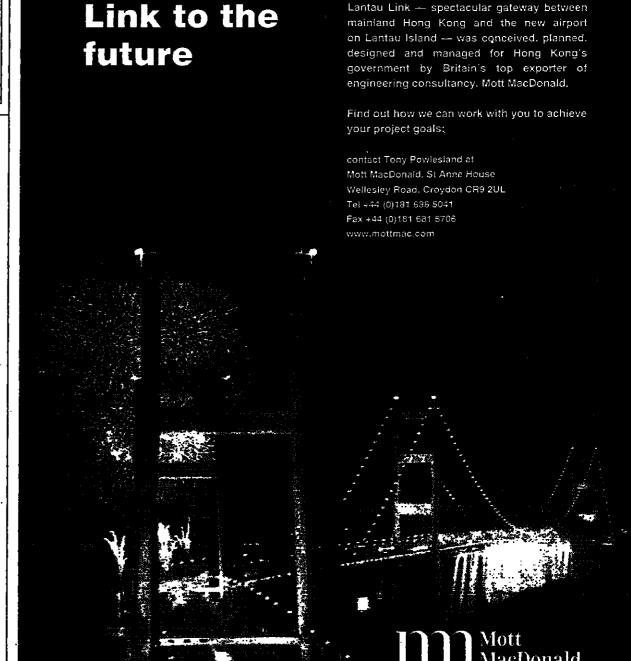
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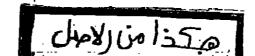
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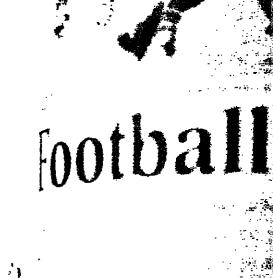
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Football war kicks off

come one of the most bitter issues in schools' sport was approved almost unanimously and with little publicity this week by the Football Association Council.

Pupils across England are now in the middle of a tug-of-war between the Football Association and professional clubs on one side and many teachers and officials on the other. The rivals are struggling for dominance in the development of youth football. The question is: are boys better served by playing in school and regional teams or in the academies that are to be set up at professional clubs? Not only the future of the national game

is at stake, but also the technical ability of generations of youngsters.
Watching with interest is the physical education profession, which sees the education by the LA age for the period of the latest the sees of the latest the late

Chris Laws, the president of the Physical Education Association (PEA). describes the dispute as "the most contentious issue in relations between PE and sport in recent years". The plans, which were passed this week by the 90strong council with only two members opposed, were drawn up by Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director, and published as part of the Charter for

However, his plans have been criticised by the English Schools' Football Association (ESFA), which sees them as an erosion of its traditional role of being able to pick the best players for representative English schools are crying foul at this week's

attempt by the FA to cream off the best young players in the country, says John Goodbody

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sides, both at regional and national level. The FA is adamant. The professional clubs will in future oversee the development of players from eight to 21, while the Premiership will organise its own youth league between the academies with a maximum of 30 matches a season. The clubs will provide expert coaching and

more training but fewer competitive matches, although matches will be of a much higher standard. The FA will also be responsible ucinding the national under-15 side. for all England teams, in-

Sue Campbell, the re-spected chief executive of the National Youth Trust, sees much wisdom in the FA's charter. She says: "Talented young people in

many sports get overplayed and overcompeted, although not necessarily overtrained. Everyone wants to grab a bit of the action of talented youngsters on the way up, so they play too much. Teachers and officials want their school and representative teams to win and so naturally they pick them."

She believes that, as a result, outstanding youngsters too rarely take part in

matches or competitions where the opposition is sufficiently testing for their standard. Dr Campbell would like to see them playing fewer matches or events, but

in competitions of a higher standard. Alan Heads, the ESFA chairman, accepts some of the features of the charter, such as encouraging youngsters to play football, but opposes the proposed policy of boys playing for academies and seldom for their schools, let Wilkinson's alone their districts. "Edu-

cationally and socially that is a non-starter," he says. Mr Heads, who teaches geography at Monkseaton High School, Whitley Bay, said that his ESFA colleagues are suspicious about the motives of the

professional clubs. "It is

interested in the evaluation of future stars, rather than the development of the individuals. Of all the thousands of boys who will play for the academies, how many will become professionals? Only a small percentage.'

He points out that those youngsters who fail to make the grade in the academies will suffer from feelings of

rejection when they return to regular chools' football.

Mr Laws sums up how polarised the argument has become. "To hear some people talk, you would think that the FA has gone back to child slavery and shoving youngsters up chimneys." He approves the recommendation that professional clubs should have an education welfare officer to supply the sort of moral and psychological support for boys that schools provide now.

Mr Wilkinson emphasises that the plans for the academies will affect only the elite I per cent at the 13,000 schools which play football. The remainder will take part in schools' tournaments and because the elite will not usually be available, it will give competitive opportunities for less talented players, who have been deprived of these experiences in the past.

s a PE graduate, former teacher and manager of Leeds United when they won the Premiership, Mr Wilkinson has an unusually catholic background in football and is supported by leading authorities across the country. He accepts that any boy does occasionally be able to represent the school after consultation between boy, parents, head teacher and football club. Mr Wilkinson says that the prime consideration must always be the welfare of the pupil. "The child has certain talents and, whatever his talents are, they should be developed, in conjunction with his whole development in other areas."

Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon on an invaluable report

The plus factor that schools should have

Curriculum and Assessment Authority as it became part of a new quango was to consult schools on a national system for providing "value added" measures to every school.

You could be forgiven for thinking that someone does not want you to read the final report from the Value Added National Project. There was no full reference to it in the consultation document sent to schools and local authorities, and it costs £15 for 130 pages - admittedly in colour. A greater worry is what was left out of the consultation process and what was put in that was no part of the Value Added National Project.
First, let it be noted that the

project was a success and Value Added is here to stay. The system, planned for England from 1998, will be an international first, running through the examination boards and similar bodies at practically no cost. This could be one of the most costeffective and dramatic in-creases in the flow of educational information recorded: all schools could receive the value added data that thousands of schools

have already opted to buy.

The SCAA's consultation document. Value Added Indicators for Schools, was admirable in clarity but contained parts from which we, the contractors on the project, wish to be dissociated. For example, the second sentence read: "Such data is a powerful analytical tool. helping schools to analyse their results and set targets for improvement." This linking of value added with target setting is a source of considerable sadness to those of us on the project. The work was about Value Added and not about target-setting. Value Added scores are

variable from year to year and teachers may simply end up playing a lottery in setting targets. It is true that some studies have shown that people felling trees fell more if higher targets are set. but to achieve that target they simply work faster. Should teachers talk faster perhaps? Education is not such a readily deliverable product as a felled tree. The only reliable strategy will be to try to get rid of pupils who are not making progress, which brings us to another problem.

With exclusion rates rising dramatically, any further incentives to exclude pupils could be disastrous. Society may troubled pupils are excluded in large numbers or shunted into "sink schools". One of the most important recommendations in the final report was that schools should be allowed to exclude some pupils from value added calculations, subject to audit by inspec-tors. The issue was alluded to in

ne of the last tasks of the School SCAA's document, but not raised in the consultation questionnaire.

The willingness of some politicians, and some people at SCAA, to impose policies on schools is in strange contrast to their unwillingness to require proper quality assurance procedures from examination boards. At present, scripts can go to known markers, names of candidates and schools are on the scripts and no statistics are provided from the marking process on the extent to which marks were reliable, nor on the impact of syllabus choice on schools' value added scores.

The Value Added National Project final report not only summarises the seven technical reports but also has



chapters on: head teachers' views on value added; ways of presenting and using value added data; how a system could be run nationally; the downside of value added systems (forewarned is (orearmed); and recommendations, along with several appendices and an illustrated glossary.

lt could be a useful source of information for schools and governors and a resource book for anyone who might teach "Value Added", particularly as part of the new national qualifications for head teachers.

● The Value Added National Project Final Report (SCAA reference: COM/97/844) is available from SCAA Publications (DI81-867 3299) along with three Technical Reports for secondary schools and four Technical Re-

ports for primary schools.

• Professor Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon is author of the final report arising from the two-year Value Added National Project, commissioned by SCAA and undertaken by the Curriculum. Evaluation and Manage-ment (CEM) Centre. University of Durham.

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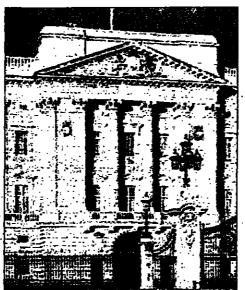
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Buckingham Palace: a date for winners

be as visible as Hadrian's Wall," the judges said. Viroconium is being stud-

ied by multidisciplinary teams that bridge the old most between the arts and the sciences. The very large site has become an open-air laboratory where many new technological advances can be tested. The contribution of hundreds of amateur archaeologists, including schoolchildren, has been welcomed and

systematically used."
Sheffield College honoured for its "pioneering" Braille skills qualification for both sighted and blind students. "It has developed a unique course that makes Braille teaching an academic discipline in its own right and which makes it possible to export the college's Braille expertise to other insti-

tutions," the judges

said.

Another winner was Liverpool Hope College for its La-dakh Project For the past ten years. college tutors have provided workshops on educational pracand science in three villages of Tibetan refugees in India, which have helped 900 people. The judges said:

"Demonstrably high standards of teacher education have been achieved. The individuals working in the project. Tibetan and British, have learnt what can be achieved by groups of like-minded

people with a shared goal. It is an experience that enriches the educational systems in which each of them works."

The University of Hull won recognition for its "unique and world-class" combination of academic study with professional practice in social work. It has the only social work agency in the world formed by and attached directly to a higher education

"It has generated world interest," the judges said. "Powerful research into areas of recurring social problems affecting society is undertaken in conjunction with gov-

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Meet Auntie's continuity man

As the BBC celebrates its 75th anniversary, its Chairman aims to retain the original notion of public interest while preparing for the digital age. By Raymond Snoddy

launch of its first daily radio broadcasts from a studio in London's Savoy Hill. Sir Christopher Bland, the corpo-

ration's present Chairman, believes it was not inevitable that the BBC should have survived for so long. and prospered. Sir Christopher, an Ulsterman, notes with sardonic humour that when the BBC tried to launch radio in Northern Ireland, the local tradesmen would not accept cheques from the BBC on the ground that it was not expected to be around for long.

As he sits on a teak garden sofa in his Broadcasting House office, amid decor that would have surprised his stern predecessor John (later Lord) Reith. Sir Christopher notes some important parallels between what the BBC did then and what it is doing now to try to catapult itself into the world of digi-

tal television. "You couldn't have forecast that huge enthusiasm for radio. It was Lord Reith's vision in programand mine Marconi's in tech-

nical terms. There was no obvious demand for it," he says.

He hardly needs to explain it is a key justification for the array of new ventures announced by the BBC last week that just happened to coincide with the anniversary celebrations. The flurry of activity ranges from the launch of three subscription channels under the UK TV banner for cable and satellite in a joint venture with Flextech to an expansion of what the BBC calls "the third broadcasting service", its Internet news service and Sunday News 24, the round-the-clock television news service. News 24, now carried on cable, will be part of the BBC's offering on digital terrestial tele-vision, which launches next

Sir Christopher - who in the first 18 months of his five-year term as Chairman has presided over perhaps the most dramatic period of change in the BBC's history accepts that the new offerings are out of kilter with present audience requirements. "It is aimed at the way we believe the broadcasting

market is developing," he says.
"It would be foolish to say we have no doubts. If, in 10 years' time, there is a tiny audience for 24 hour television news, if the penetration of PCs in the UK market and the use of the Internet is tiny, we will have made a had bet," adds Sir Christopher, who added many millions to his wealth as the Chairman of London Weekend Television before being ousted by Granada in a hostile takeover. He feels that, whatever happens, "we

won't have bet the farm". Not the farm, perhaps, but certainly the odd pasture. Investment in all things digital at the BBC - including installing the latest

Today the BBC celebrates the 75th anniversary of the launch of its first daily digital editing systems, which in turn should generate savings — could reach 9 to 10 per cent of the £1.9 billion licence fee each year for five years — or a gross figure approaching £1 billion.

"If you don't spend money on new services, you spend it on existing services, and that is where the pinch comes" -- which will seem a truism to programme editors who have been asked to cut their budgets by 30 per cent over five years to help to pay for the new

"You can't help feeling a sense of continuity," says Sir Christopher. Across the 75 years, and almost unimaginable change in communications, what has survived, he says. is "the notion of a public interest", the idea that broadcasting should be about more than just money and entertainment. The BBC, Sir Christopher be-

lieves, is doing better than it had any right to forecast 10 or even five viewing has been rising against ITV for the past four years and BBC radio heads held

on to a rough half-share of listening despite a proliferation of commercial stations. In Sir Christopher's view, some of the programming over the past six months has been as strong as anything the BBC has

Ask what he has in mind and Sir Christopher immediately says Provos. the documentary series on the Provisional IRA. "I was proud of Provos. It explained things in a way that even I, who should know more about Northern Ireland than the average viewer, didn't know or understand. The explanation and analysis led you to understand why the Provos have endured for so long," says the former second lieutenant in the 5th Royal Inniskil-

ling Dragoon Guards.
His other choices are the new series of Men Behaving Badly, I'm Alan Partridge and The Rugby. Jamming in Jamaica is among his radio favourites.

ir Christopher owes his present position to a slightly eccentric and temporary career as a local politician. He stood for the Conservatives in Lewisham, South London, in 1967 to make up the numbers, and was probably the only candidiate in local government history to demand a recount when he won. He never stood again, but in the meantime Christopher Chataway appointed him Chairman of the Inner London Education Committee, which led to an appointment as deputy Chairman of the Independent Television Authority, the pre-decessor of the Independent Television Commission, and on to commercial television and, finally, the chairmanship of the BBC.

In that role, he has certainly made a break with the past. The



Sir Christopher Bland, BBC Chairman: "You couldn't have forecast the huge enthusiasm for radio. There was no obvious demand for it"

current joke doing the rounds at the BBC asks what the difference is between Sir Christopher and his predecessor, Marmaduke Hussey. Asnwer? Marmaduke Hussey never spoke to his Director-General, John Birt. Sir Christopher speaks to no one else. There is some truth is the first part of the joke. By the end of his chairmanship Mr

(now Lord) Hussey was barely

speaking to Mr Birt, mainly because he had been given no early

warning about the Panorama interview with Diana, Princess of Wales. Sir Christoper smiles at the joke but says it isn't true. What is true is that He and Mr Birt have a strong relationship from their days together at LWT, where Mr Birt

was director of programmes. Sir Christopher says that whenever he goes to BBC Bristol or Birmingham he makes a point of having breakfast with 15 or 20 people under 35. "I wouldn't meet

them otherwise, and a remakable and stimulating lot they are. It makes you think the BBC has still

got what it takes." He insists that the governors — a supervisory board of non-executives in the continental European sense - have been fully briefed and consulted on the BBC's controversial moves, and that the issue of paying for new ventures such as the Internet news service and News 24 out of the licence fee when most

licence fee payers could not see the result was discussed at length.

Controversy still rages, however, over some things Sir Christopher and his governors have approved. Many staff complain privately that the decision to split the commissioning of programmes from their production is creating two competing bureaucracies.

It is the right structure for the BBC and it is settling down pretty

believes the reorganisation is essential in order to maintain savings which have been running at £100 million a year. He also defends the continuing use of management consultants, something that irritates many BBC staff.

Speaking as a former consultant, I have always been very reluctant to use them. I start from the point 'If in doubt, do it yourself," he says, adding that he is happy with the corporation's use of consultants — although he will not reveal how much a year is being spent on them; the figure is believed to be around £9 million.

The most recent pressure point at the BBC came in September, over a reorganisation of news and current affairs programmes such as Today that seemed to threaten the autonomy of programme editors and, with it, the programmes distinctiveness.

When he found out in detail what was happening. Sir Christopher intervened. Where we failed was in identifying the extent to which it would become a matter of passionate concern to those people working within the function.

But as he celebrates the BBC's 75th anniversary, Sir Christopher believes it is time to go on the offensive in defence of the BBC and the licence fee, which he believes, enables the production of unique programmes. At £91.50 a year, he feels it is a real bargain compared with more than £300 a year for cable and satellite.

he contrast between what the BBC makes and what its commercial competitors make will increase, not decrease. So in 25 years' time I think we will have a BBC funded by licence fees that people do not begrudge. We are nearing that point already people are critical, but not grudgng." Another aim is to persuade the present Government, when it next reviews the licence fee system in about three years' time, that not only should the licence fee continue, but that the BBC should be properly funded", a phrase that implies a licence fee not linked to the retail price index - though Sir Christopher will not quite commit himself to such a goal yet, at least in As he contempletes the intensely

political business of being the BBC's Chairman, Sir Christopher is convinced that there will always be rows and controversy over the corporation - indeed, he -told -the ireland Fund, a charitable body, earlier this week that he saw similar problems in governing Ireland and running the corporation. As he looks to the digital, future and the 100th anniversary of the BBC, he wrote a poem about a mythical BBC past - based on the poet Walter Savage Landor's view of a halcyon period in Irish history.

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To listeners with Reithian views And every home could only see The one, the wondrous BBC.

It is all a far cry from a BBC having to compete in a 200-channel digital television broadcasting enviwell," says Sir Christopher, who ronment from next year.

■ KIRSTY YOUNG, the 28year-old anchorwoman at Channel 5, has become the new standard for news presenters. But she now has a challenger: BBC News 24's Sarah Montague — also blonde, youngish (32) and serious - has been given the regular breakfast slot. How long before she's reading The Nine O'Clock News?

■ WHICH media conference will Tony Blair open? There are competing bids from two big bashes for his presence. but 10 Downing Street is maintaining strict silence on the matter. The Second World Summit on Television for Children has asked the Prime Minister to be the key speaker at its meeting for 1,000 delegates in London in March. But so has the unappensingly named European Audio & Visual conference, being held in Birmingham in April, as the centrepiece of Britain's term in the EU presidency. Given Mr Blair's image as a caring family man, children's TV may have the edge. But Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission. is giving the keynote speech at Birmingham. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is praying that diplomacy may yet prevail.

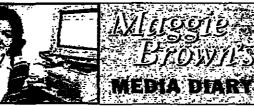
MYSTIC MEG is off for a break as Peter Salmon, new Controller of BBC1, orders a complete rethink of National Lottery coverage. He's asked the TV producers behind real people shows — Changing Rooms, The Driving School - for a big idea to boost the ratings. Lottery millionaires decorating their new man-

Is Young about to become old news at Channel 5?

sions, perhaps? The BBC's light entertainment department in charge of the lottery rogramme has hit the roof. But it has its own challenge devising a new scratchcard new year. This is risky territory. ITV was bowled out of bidding for the contract three years ago because Lady Luck, not the broadcaster, will dictate who plays before millions on the night. The new instants will give punters three options. Scratch in the shop; scratch at home during the programme or scratch and win an invitation to the show, as a contestant in a new lottery game for cash prizes. The drawback: you have to play with the hostess, Anthea



Battle of the blondes: Young and Montague



■ A YEAR AGO clubhouses be the follow-up? After much across the Home Counties passing from pillar to post, began buzzing with the news Jeremy Deedes, the managof an amazing subscription offer from The Daily Tele-graph — 12 months for just ing director of The Daily Telegraph, finally took my call. Subscribers are being E52. A pound a week, instead offered renewals at £2.50 a of £3.80. It was so generous week, he said, a 150 per cent that tens of thousands of loyal full-price purchasers convertincrease, but a concession nevertheless. I made the inquiry because The Sunday Telegraph has just posted me. ed, creating one of the newspaper industry's most a regular reader, a threememorable marketing own month supply of 40p vouchers, so I can take the paper for

half price. Very kind. SAM CHISHOLM, who stepped down as chief executive of BSkyB this week, says he intends to stick with his higly rated deputy, David Chance. "We're a double act," he said. In the short term, both men are working, with Michael Grade on the Millennium Project, the best guarantee of success the Greenwich Dome - Peter Mandelson's initiative could have. In the longer term they plan to go into business together. What did Sam think of the description of him as a

in Mathew

book, Sky High, being serialised in The Guardian "I'm flattered," he said.

BRENDA REID, the top

producer behind Ballykissongel and a key figure in Tony Garnett's (This Life) World Productions, has returned bubbling with outrage from the European Prix Niki festival in Greece, set up to promote the image of women in television. As judge of the fiction jury she is aghast at the stereotypical tripe domi-Nine out of 11 drama series featured single mothers, perfectly groomed and slim in Donna Karan, living in immaculate homes, with one perfect child, cared for by a wonderful nanny. They all work in the law, either as top policewomen or lawyers. They don't need husbands. and they have absolutely nothing to do with real life. Prime Suspect has a lot to answer for."

AFTER Channel 4's disdainfully reviewed A Dance to the Music of Time (final episode: 2.5 million viewers) there has been an anguished internal debate about whether it would have won more converts with a second catchup screening during the week. In marked contrast, the BBC's Tom Jones (7.5 million for the first episode last



The first episode of the BBC's Tom Jones drew 7.5 million viewers

Sunday) will be repeated on vived version of Jonathan Wednesdays Broadcasters know that audiences love a second chance: the problem is cost. With Ashley Hill, Channel 4's scheduler, departing to Channel 5, it is said that a more viewer-friendly public service policy is on the cards.

■ CHANNEL 4 is to devote its Christmas coverage to its own birth, 15 years ago this month. There will be a reRoss's The Last Resort but no mention of The Word. Chris Morris to deliver the traditional Channel 4 Christmas

CLASSIC FM is changing its schedules next month. ahead of its main rival, Radio 4's revamp next year. It is moving its drive-time news back to 6.30pm and starting instead a new hour-long

music programme at 7pm, specifically designed to calm nerves and conquer "road rage". Perhaps Radio 4 producers might need to tune into it. They are said to be hopping mad after James Boyle, the Controller of Radio 4, confirmed who has won commissions for his new accessible schedule starting on April 1. Producers in the regions, espe-cially Bristol, were said to be

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IMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER

us what to think

hen Matthew Parris starts writing his Friday column for The Times on Thursday morning, he knows that it must be exactly 1,480 words long. It must also be opinionated, capture readers' attention in the first two paragraphs, sustain that interest to the last paragraph, and leave them satisfied they have been either instructed, informed, amused or entertained. Otherwise they may not return next Friday.

Parris gives himself five hours for his 1,480 words. "Otherwise I play around and do it to death." Setting that personal deadline is necessary anyway. Once the column is finished, he hastens to the Commons to write his parliamentary sketch - another 580 words which have to be delivered by 5pm.

Simon Jenkins, who writes two columns a week for The Times, works differently. He will be in his office today by Sam, write until lunch and spend the afternoon polishing his copy. At opm he will deliver 1,450 words

Columnists such as Parris and Jenkins are the stars of British journalism. They are wooed and cosseted by ed-

same tender loving care that is lavished by Premiership managers on an Alan Shearer or Teddy Sheringham.

A tribute to the skill of this journalistic art form is paid this month in The Penguin Book of Columnists. The nightmare for all anthologists is the complaint from critics about the writers they have rejected. Its editor, Christopher Silvester, admits a bias to American columnists and omits several of the contemporary British columnists he most admires - who include Parris, Craig Brown, Stephen Glover and Robert Harris. Almost all the living British columnists Silvester has included are Ws - Wheen, Watkins, Waterhouse, Waugh and Worsthorne, although Levin, Mount, Bywater and the Frayn of the 1960s also get a look-in.

He includes none of my favourites, who would include The Times's Op-ed columnists as well as Hugo Young, Andrew Marr, Simon Hoggart, Polly Toynbee, Paul Foot and Melanie Phillips. That is because my taste is political and Anglo-centric. Silvester's emphasis is on the history of the column. It is an American genre, he argues, and only in America is it a vocation to be a columnist. The most successsful, such as Art Buchwald and Russell Baker of The New York Times, become millionaires.

That is certainly not true of Britain, where

Jenkins, has published a collection of his columns for The Spectator (To Hell with Picasso, Phoenix). Writing can be more drudgery than pleasure, journalism more degradation than duty, he says in his introduction. But to write a regular column

is one of the great privileges of life. "Universities are the most overrated institutions of our age." "I find it hard to think of anything, even the Arts Council, which has done more harm to English literature than the Booker Prize." Studying Johnson's technique - often the use of a strikingly provocative senience early on - one sees why Johnson is so readable (even for those who disagree with almost everything he writes).

We instantly want to read on.
At the Daily Mail, Richard Littlejohn, the 1996 Columnist of the Year, prefers satire, which he uses to devastating effect. Yesterday, as the C of E considers updating the Lord's Prayer, he decided to

bring Jerusalem up to date: "We will not cease from cant and spite Nor will our banner sleep in our hand

Until our sacred nanny's home In Eng-er-land, Eng-er-land, Eng-er-land

MacArthur

One joy for Littlejohn, he says, is that his column is cathartic. It stops him wandering the streets with an Uzi. Jenkins prefers to test common assump-

tions against the facts: "It is more illuminating in trying to understand an argument if its antithesis is set out as well as its thesis and it is better copy if you don't say the same thing as other columnists."

All columnists admit that they are never off duty. Once today's column is finished, the thought of a subject for the next preys on their mind. For Parris there is an added danger. Once his early years of panic were over, he says, there was the deeper panic of becoming fluent but predictable. "It is the fear of adequacy that begins to grip you."

There is an assured future for journalists who can write opinionated and readable columns. Columnists have waxed on newspapers as the significance of news has waned. Few newspaper readers last Tuesday did not know that Louise Woodward had been freed. So we want to know what to think about the news and turn to the columnist most likely to say what we want to hear - to Libby Purves, Lynda Lee Potter, Anne Robinson, Polly Toyn bee, Julie Burchill or Joan Smith, all superb practitioners of the art.

Columnists who tell | Marriage under the lens

Carol Midgley asks why couples let cameras into their counselling sessions

he majority of people who visit a Relate counsellor agree that the most difficult part is discussing the intimacies of their marriage with a total stranger. Imagine, then, the sort of couple who invite three million strangers to pull up a chair and endure the whole excruciating experience with

Meet Trevor and Tracev. Alan and Mary, Steve and Sandie, Tony and Justine, the stars of a BBC2 documentary, who have agreed not so much to wash their dirty linen in public but to throw in their socks, vests and novelty underpants, too.

Incredibly, these people, at a time of great crisis in their lives, allowed a fly-on-the-wall camera into their Relate counselling sessions to tell the world how monotonous their sex lives have become; how they are often beaten up by their (female) partner; how the sound of their husband eating an apple makes them feel almost homicidal.

In this age of fly-on-the-wall mania, we tend to lack sympathy for people who parade their private selves in front of the camera. The loathsome guests of Paul Watson's The Dinner Party, and Nolene, of Sylvania Waters, became objects of ridicule. But, smugly. we felt they deserved it for being vain enough to seek 15 minutes of fame.

Breaking Point, however, in which four couples and one single woman are filmed during their Relate sessions, is a different television experience altogether. Unlike many documentaries today, it does not try to create the drama, but lets



In Breaking Point, Trevor and Tracey admit that there has been "no sparkle" to their union since they married

the understated human tragedies unfold for themselves via a single camera trained on a sparsely furnished counselling

When we see gormless Trevor and his downtrodden wife admitting there is 'no sparkle" in their 14-year marriage and hasn't been since before the wedding, we don't want to laugh at them, only at our own embarrassment. Trevor's rage when he discovers that Tracey, in her paranoia, has read one of his private letters is cringe-making to watch but more gripping than any episode of

"Real life" television has become our modern-day the-arre. When David Liddiment took over as director of programmes at ITV, it was not the BBC's costume drama or comedy he said he envied but Driving School and Animal Hospital. It took the BBC's documentary crew nearly two

EastEnders.

years to persuade Relate and sufficient clients to co-operate relationships. with the film — the first time in Peter Gordon, the series its history that Relate has allowed cameras into its sessions. Letters from the BBC were sent out to every newly signed couple inviting them to

he result was Mags, a newly divorced woman who was treated like an object by her husband; Tony and Justine a handsome young couple with a baby who cannot agree to marry; Sandie and Steve, who are both traumatised by their pasts; Alan and Mary, who have three children and have fallen

take part. Of the hundreds

sent, about 20 couples replied.

five of whom went through

with it to the bitter end.

Tracey. The 40-minute programmes are riveting pieces of television not because they are particu-

out of love: and Trevor and

larly revelatory but because they mirror millions of typical

producer, says: "I never know quite what it is that makes people go through with this kind of documentary but there was quite a strong altruistic streak to it. Either one or both of the couples knew of people who had been helped by counselling. I have to say I didn't get any sense that there was an exhibitionist kind of streak."

Clare Paterson, the executive producer, said the idea was to show the process of Relate counselling and how it breaks down barriers. The charity has nearly 4,000 counsellors at 126 centres and a waiting list of desperate people.

We watch genuine moments of self-realisation as Trevor realises he falls asleep on the couch at night to escape confronting his unhappy marriage and Mags realises she picks fights with her hoy-

"It is easy to make accusations about voyeurism and intrusive cameras but absolutely no one was pressurised into taking part." Ms Paterson said. "There is nothing in this series that the clients don't know about. I think they would find it difficult to say why they did it, maybe some thought it would be a lucky talisman.

"Relate wanted us to show how they operate, for us to be there when the solutions emerged, and I think it has worked. I was struck by how moved I was by the problems."

All the clients have approved the films, as has Relate. And there is at least one happy ending. Tony and Justine plan to marry next year.

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Giles Whittell on the identity crisis at the LA Times

son was acquit-ted of murder, the Los Angeles Times covered the story with 28 articles by 39 reporters, spread over 17 broadsheet pages. The next time American justice went on trial, with the first verdict in the Louise Woodward case, the same newspaper had no one in the courtroom. It recorded the event with one short wire story from Associated Press.

The LA Times is the news behemoth of the West Coast, famous for its huge staff, high moral tone and a habit of ignoring stories of consuming national interest such as the Woodward trial. But it is now under fire for other reasons. With healthy profit margins

and a circulation of more than one million, it is America's fourth-largest daily. (The Wall Street Journal has 1.7 million daily readers, USA Today 1.6 million and The New York Times 1.07 million.) Even so, in barely a month it has taken on a new publisher, a new editor and a controversial plan to boost profits still further and add half a million new readers by giving each of its sections a business manager".

The management changes have gone down well on Wall Street, but more like a lead balloon elsewhere. Since they were announced in early October, the paper has been vari-ously accused of spinelessness, mediocrity and threatening its newsroom's independence. It also faces questions about whether a single newspaper can cover properly the sprawling and diverse city.

The immediate trouble began early last month, when Mark Willes, formerly head of a breakfast-cereal maker, named himself publisher after two years as head of the paper's parent company, the Times Mirror Co, which also



The LA Times has tried to be all things to all people, and failed

owns New York Newsday and the Baltimore Sun. The move followed Willes's firing of 150 journalists last year, and several hints that he regarded the sections of his flagship news-paper as marketable brands, like Cheerios and Wheaties. His Editor, Shelby Coffey III. resigned after eight years on the job, and for a few days was hailed as an honourable journalist who had been driven out by meddling suits.

hen Jill Stewart, a respected former LA Times reporter. struck. "With his gutless detachment from the hard issues facing Los Angeles, the departing Editor of the LA Times turned a paper on the verge of greatness into a morass of mediocrity," she wrote in The New York Times, accusing her old employer of groveiling at the feet of Holly-

wood, ignoring the decline of Los Angeles and prostituting the paper's political content to the city's foolish Old Left".

Her claims, including one that Mr Coffey trimmed his showbiz coverage to please such cronies as actors Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman, are just not borne out by the facts", according to Michael Parks, Mr Coffey's successor. But others on the newspaper's 1,100-strong editorial staff admit to a "culture of timidity" dating back to the landmark event of LA's recent history.

the riots of 1992. The LA Times's self-appointed task is daunting. It clings to a role as the national and international voice of California, but its biggest challenge is being a local paper for a megalopolis the size of southern England that comprises 80 separate cities and a hundred nationalities. Appealing to ev-

eryone was never going to be easy, but when the riots erupted, the paper almost blew up, too. Black and Latino reporters, and the city at large, accused Mr Coffey of ignoring racial tensions in his backyard until they exploded.

These reporters also resented being assigned to most of the paper's frontline coverage of fires and looting in South Central LA, where Mr Coffey reportedly worried that his white staffers would be at risk. Penitent soul-searching ensued in the executive suites.

"We really wanted to scrutinise the problems, but we were terrified of what we would find," says one senior reporter. "We were very much on tiptoe even before the riots, but they scared the hell out of the whole city."

Separate new sections were rolled out catering to black and Hispanic Los Angeles.

Political correctness ruled, 4 style guide was even issued that banned the use of such phrases as "going Dutch" and "welshing on a bet" for fear that the Dutch and the Welsh

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might be offended.
The result was a newspaper unmatched earnestness. torn between reporting and doling out "feel-good" fodder such as soft "community pro-files" and a daily list of jokes

entitled "laugh lines". The paper tries to be all things to all people, but in the process it becomes very little to inyone," a former investigative reporter there declared. "It has no soul."

thers, such as the columnist Richard Reeves, painted an even bleaker picture. The riots revealed that there really is no LA." he wrote, "just areas of unrest, and the LA Times is a symbol, and a victim and a cause of that." Certainly, its efforts to reach out to more ethnic minorities were quickly ac-cused of further "balkanising" both the city and its news - no small irony considering that the paper's founder, Harry Chandler, spent the early years of this century in cahoots with real estate developers, shamelessly promoting the urban sprawl his successors find so hard to cover.

A tradition of reporting excellence still survives at the LA Times, fostered over two decades until the late 1980s by its then publisher, Otis Chandler. Last week a riveting and important 10,000-word piece on a Pennsylvania court case gone awry dominated the front page for two days. But this may not be the kind of story favoured by the suits.

Thanks to endless market research, yet more new sec-tions — laden no doubt, with advertising — aimed at women and Latinos are in the works. With no competition "except the sun", as one wag put it, Messrs Willes and Parks may yet find their 500,000 new readers.

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hen the plans to revive the fortunes of ITV are revealed in January, there is a better than even chance that the proposals will include the end of the line for News at Ten and plans

for the birth of News At Some Other Time. There is no doubt that the new triumvirate who have taken over at the ITV Network Centre - Richard Eyre, former group managing director of Capital Radio, David Liddiment, ex-Granada, and perhaps most significant of all, John Hardie, the marketing director from Procter & Gamble - must come up with something at the end of their self-proclaimed first 100 days.

It is not just that ITV's viewing share has been dropping these five years — which it has — rather more seriously, its share of

advertising been falling in tandem. Four years ago ITV had about 72 per cent of commercial advertising

with Channel 5 in the field, it is about 65 per cent. The latest unofficial estimates for 1997 show that ITV will take £1.68 billion, a rise of only I.4 per cent on the year. With Channel 5 pushing for £150 million next year compared with this year's £83 million since its Easter launch - analysts believe that just standing still in real terms could be a considerable achievement.

Which will bring the gaze of the ITV bosses to News at Ten. The programme is very lucrative for ITV, and in the London area particularly attracts members of the great and good who tend not to be home early enough for other main news bulletins.

But if News at Ten stays where it is, then it is very difficult to see how radical changes can be made to the ITV schedule, given fixed points such as Coronation Street. The problem is that because of the watershed the present schedule means that two-hour dramas or feature films are inevitably bisected by the national and local news.

When the last bungled attempt, in the spring of 1993, was made to send the removal van round to News at Ten. everybody from John Major and John Smith to Buckingham Palace and the Archbishop of Canterbury got involved. Politicians were naturally against a move because they liked to see the knife-edge votes that add a little drama to their verbose trade. live on News at Ten.

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the 1990 Broadcasting Act — the spirit if not precisely the letter. Sir George Russell, then chairman of the Independent Television Commission, was determined to keep News at Ten precisely where it was.

The row was intensified because ITV appeared to be looking at a very early slot and mR Major was among those who was concerned that there would be no real competition to the BBC in mid-evening.

It is remarkable how much has changed

in British television in the past six years and just how much competition has intensified. The ITC has made it clear it is prepared to consider any formal proposals from ITV in are open minded way. The increasing pressure on ITV ratings and revenues would clearly be a factor in their minds.

The ITC has already been flexible low Channel 5 to vacate its 8.30pm slot for 7pm and a head-to-head

with Channel 4 News, although the two are aimed at very

different audienc It is almost as if the stage has been cleared for the ITV companies to propose a very plausible new home for the main evening news bulletin at 8.30pm. There would be intense competition with the BBC and the ITV companies would be able to do some hard selling around an uninterrupted drama or film slot starting at 9.10pm. The BBC, if it wanted to, could even migrate the Nine O'Clock News to 10pm and perform the public service duty of showing our legislators in the division lobbies.

It has to be said, however, that in the age of 24-hour television news the arguments about when the main "flagship" news bulletins are scheduled become increasingly academic. Of far greater worry to news broadcasters everywhere is the fear of losing

touch with the young.

At the annual News World conference of news broadcasters in Berlin last weekend, the most pressing obsessions were about Diana, Princess of Wales, and Louise Woodward. But the undercurrents were about losing the young. One media consultant said that network TV evening bulletins were on the way to becoming dinosaurs, watched by the retired and elderly.

Already Channel 4 has called for ideas on a fresh approach to Channel 4 News. If ITV moves News at Ten it would also give an opportunity to see whether television news can be made more relevant to the young without trivialising its public purpose.

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The rise and rise of public relations is causing disquiet especially among journalists, says Carol Midgley

familiar with that sinking feeling: At precisely the busiest, most inconvenient point of the day comes the breathless phone call. "Hi there, it's Arabella from the Really Irritating PR Group. Look, we're sending you a press release about this amazing new ad for tinfoil. It's very upbeat and sexy, really innovative use of the camera; quite a departure from their last ad. Is that a story for you?"

While this may seem an unfair generalisation of our often excellent public relations industry, it does not alas. exaggerate the banality of a great many of the PR calls

made to journalists every day. Any specialist will tell you that it is not unusual to spend the first hour of the day transferring piles of meaningless press releases from envelopes and into bins. Some are packaged so cleverly that it takes considerably longer than the regulation 15 seconds to establish their worthlessness, compounding the irritation.

The procedure is normally thus: phone call to say that press release is on its way; follow-up call to ask if whether whether press release has been read, and fourth, fifth, sixth, etc calls demanding to know if and when the press

release is going to be used. In isolated cases, PRs hurl abuse at journalists for not being expert enough to spot the "story". (I have seen a grown man hurl a telephone being hounded over a release about diet biscuits for dogs.).

But as the PR industry gathered for the IPR National Conference in Manchester carlier this month, it had plenty to be pleased about. Recent figures show that betiveen 1995 and 1996, the income of the largest 150 PR companies increased by a fifth, to £350 million, while the number of staff employed by those firms rose by 11.5 per cent, to more than 5,740.

Growing numbers of graduates are opting to follow careers in PR. Tony Blair, meanwhile, has shown how much value he places on media relations by building a large and powerful media-

relations unit to be run from 10 Downing Street. Everywhere we turn, it seems, there are PR officers. Despite the high number of time-wasters, journalists know that for every three bad PRs, there is normally one frighteningly good one. Some journalists are now beginning to express unease about the growing power of PRs and spin-doctors, especially in Westminster, where anecdotes about the arch-sultans of spin

Whelan and Alastair Campbell — are legion. Recently, in a full-page article, the Press Gazette was moved to ask whether PR was now "spinning out of control". Ian Hargreaves, Editor of New Statesman, remarked: "There

Peter Mandelson, Charlie

The press was happy to be spun daily by Labour in Opposition'

it has arrived; third call to ask is a danger that journalists will be outgunned and out-classed by the PR machines of both private and public sec-tors. A healthy democracy demands that this does not

> Unsurprisingly, PR experts have little sympathy for this view. Jon Aarons, managing director of the corporate division at the Communication Group, found the furore over Charlie Whelan and the single currency amusing. There is a delicious irony in seeing the press complain about spindoctoring when they were quite happy to be spun on a

Simon Lewis, president of the Institute of Public Relations, which has 6,000 members, says he does not believe the publicity surrounding Westminster spin-doctors has damaged PR's reputation. "I take the opposite view:

Opposition," he says.

The fact that the Government takes communication so seriously is very good news for us. The phrase spin-doctors is used as a term of criticism by what it is about

"Spin-doctor is often used as a synonym for being economical with the truth, which is worrying, but we have to make clear that effective PR is about accountability.

- "A PR person who acts dishonestly with a journalist doesn't last very long anyway. PR people are paid advocates. promoting something they

Kelly Walsh, client services partner for Renegade, a new British advertising and PR group, and former European PR director for Gap, understands the frustrations of journalists. "PRs often don't research things properly. They ring up before finding out what a media correspondent

or education editor does.
When people are ill-informed and unprofessional it damages our reputation. It must be very frustrating for journalists, especially since editorial teams are much smaller in Britain than in the United States. But they are intelligent people and pretty quick to dispel stories." An "insidious" new trend

identified recently has been for companies to send their PRs to press conferences where they believe they will be criticised. The press officers then identify the journalists present and try to pressure them to interview representatives of their

Jonathan Rush, of the Communication Group, which counts Dixons and McDonald's among its clients, says: The media itself uses public relations, so it can hardly complain. The BBC, for example, when it has an interesting programme coming out, will put out teaser press releases to local radio stations in advance.

"Journalists are the biggest newspaper puts its own spin on things. There are a lot of PR people out there and they are under a lot of pressure to get results. But if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. Experienced PR people focus on building relations with journalists. won't call journalists if I think I am wasting their time.

"You have to be able to put yourself in their shoes, have a good business sense and a good feel for your client's

Role models: the power of Labour spin-doctors Peter Mandelson (left) and Dave Hill (right) has inspired more companies to upgrade their own PR machines objectives. There is no doubt that PR is showing a healthy growth. We were savaged during the recession but now we are coming back."

eith Cooper, communications director at the Royal Opera House, however, believes the job of the PR is more difficult now. The balance of power has shifted back to the newspapers," he

I feel more manipulated by the newspapers because of the story they want to write. People want the ROH to feed into their idea that it is a selfpreserving oligarchy, answerable to nobody. It is difficult to come through that. News editors don't really want to know if you say 'but let me show you

Eileen Wise, a former journalist who was Norma Major's press officer during the general election campaign and is now director of communications at the National Magazine Company, sympathises with both sides. "PR people,

for various reasons, have a bad reputation and some of it is deserved," she says. "Many don't check their market they will pitch the same story to the Cambridge Evening News that they pitch to The

Sun or The Times without putting a different slant or style on it. But any journalist who takes things off a plate from a PR is lazy. It is their job to check out information, they shouldn't just take it as gospel

among the most professional people around. Sir Tim Bell, who I was lucky to work with during the election campaign, is brilliant. He has a rea instinct for the job, and that filters down to his staff.

"The reality is that we are living in a media age and I do think that companies need high-quality advice about media relations. There is an adage that people believe what they read in a newspaper or magazine much more than they would an advert, so a good PR department is as important today as an advertising company."

lationship between Rowan Atkinson and Barclaycard is over. Both sides insist that the split was amicable. The credit card company said the series of 17 television commercials in which-Atkinson played a hapless spy were very successful. "But all

good things must come to an "Some PR people I know are end," says Atkinson. But now, a few days later and as bold as you please, Barclaycard is paign it has lined up to

> Parmenter, marketing director of Barclaycard, confesses all: "There was a feeling that the Rowan campaign had run its course," he says. The new campaign is very different, though again the emphasis is on humour. In the first 40-second advert, another goofy, but this time unrecognisable, chap is seen

> > During his routine everything that could go wrong in his house does — until the whole edifice comes crashing down and the viewer is told: "Don't put it off, put it on (pause) Barclaycard." The most noticeable dif-

> > getting up and preparing to go to work.

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ference with not just the most recent Barclaycard campaign, but all those in

Damian Whitworth assesses Barclaycard's new ad

THE six-and-a-half year re-Rowan hands in his card



New ad's unknown hero

recent memory, is the absence of a star. First there was Dudley Moore, then Alan Whicker and then Atkinson. Parmenter says that the idea was to do something different from much of the current crop of advertisements. "We didn't rule out using a celebrity, but celebrities are much more common

in advertising today." The company is also trying to put a different emphasis on what its product has to offer. While the globe-trotting Whicker was introducing consumers to the idea

that the credit card could be used around the world, the Atkinson adverts attempted to highlight the services on offer when things go horribly wrong.

"Cards are used in a much more everyday type of way now," says Parmenter. So an everyday chap is being used to sell a card that will buy users a plumber when a tap pops off, or a builder to mend a roof that slithers into

THE other big difference is that Barclaycard is putting great store by its tag-line. It believes its exhortation not to delay jobs around the house is likely to become a

famous catchphrase. After hearing it a few dozen times, it may become a common advertising reference point, but initially it feels a little contrived and the advertisement as a whole is less clever than its predecessors. Is it telling us to whack repair bills on to our

cards when we can't afford The decision to split with Atkinson a year before his contract ran out "was not taken lightly", says Par-menter. Only customers' reactions to the new campaign will tell if it hits Barclaycard

Les boys removed from the black stuff

GUINNESS currently daims a 5.2 per cent share of the total UK beer market, its highest ever. The brewer also believes that its current black-and-white" advertising campaign (the one with the fish on the bicycle and the old man marrying the young blonde) has given the brand its highest ever level of advertising awareness. Splendid stuff. One might imagine Guinness's agency. Ogilvy & Mather, has been awarded bonuses to the hilt, or at the very least inundated with extra crates of the black stuff as reward.

But as ever with the adindustry, you'd be wrong. This week Guinness announced a review of its prized £12 million billing advertising account, inviting three agencies to pit themselves against O&M because "part of the Guinness ethos has always been to move on before we have to", and O&M's work "cannot be delivered any further". Which, of course, is nowhere near the

That begins in 1995, when a leak to the marketing press revealed that the maverick commercials director Tony Kaye had filmed an ad featuring two gay men at home in the morning, with one pecking the other on the cheek as he

left for work. It was a gift for the tabloids. There was outrage from traditionalist publicans and shareholders all over the media, and Guinness was soon

backtracking. Its then marketing director, Rob MacNevin, issued a carefully worded statement that insisted: "At no time did we set out to make a so-called gay ad, nor will we be screening one." He was right on the second count, but those of us who had the ad turn up on our



Of course the men were supposed to be gay, and of course that didn't mean Guinness was targeting the gay community. But the brewer lost its nerve, stunned by the vehemence of the re-

sponse. Unsurprisingly, the campaign did not recover. However much people noticed and liked the other ads, the suspicion that all was not well persisted. The threat of review hung heavy.

It all goes to prove yet again that the relationship between client and agency is at least as important as the end product. Clearly, looking at the campaign's results and news of the review, it's true not every-thing in black and white



makes sense". It's all a great shame because the gay kiss sent out the kind of positive message the ad industry has consistently shied away from. And it was a damn good

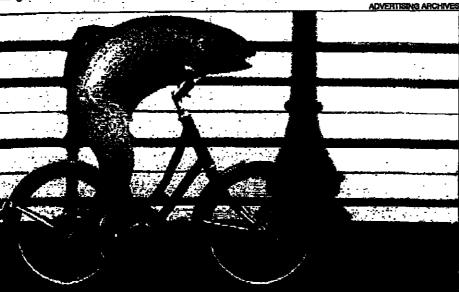
■ SCEPTICAL media hacks spent the early part of the year being smoothed by what became known as the Channel 5 dream team: the chief executive, David Elstein, the sales director, Nick Milligan, the marketing director. David Brook, and the programme director, Dawn Airey. Tired of hearing how wonderfully "stripped and stranded".

"mainstream and modern"

the new channel would thoughts turned to who would be the first to go in flop. Not Mr El-

stein, because he joined too close to the Easter launch: Mr Milligan would claim he could sell only the programmes he had; the same went for Mr Brook in marketing. No. Dawn Airey was the unanimous favourite. As it happens, the channel

has neither flopped nor been a huge success (name one pro-gramme) and it is the talented Mr Brook who is off first. He has joined Channel 4 as director of strategy and development, where he will doubtless tell all of us how wonderful Channel 4 is with the same fervour he bought those pesky multicoloured stripes. The only question is whether, now that he is out of



Drink like a fish: Guinness's "black and white" campaign was a big success

the Channel 5 bunker, he will view its pathetic launch without the rose-tinted spectacles.

■ MEDIA owners and regulators lack a consistent policy towards advertising from charities and pressure groups. This week Pearl & Dean, one of Britain's two big cinema sales houses, declined to accept an anti-fox-hunting cinema commercial from the International Fund for Animal Welfare on the ground that Warner Cinemas thought the ad "too political". Press ads in the same campaign had already run in newspapers such as The Times.

Of course the fox-hunting ad is political. It leatures the fox's eye view of a terrifying

chase with hunters and hounds baying for its blood. The ad ends with the line For pity's sake, ban foxhunting" and an invitation to call your MP ahead of the parliamentary debate on November 28. But why is it banned, when cinema owners allow ads for such obviously political organisations as Shelter to run with impunity?

The answer is that while no cinemagoer would disagree with the notion that homelessness is iniquitous, the estimated 22 per cent of the population in favour of foxhunting are vociferous and have high spending power.

The ad seeks to turn most consumers' passive dislike of fox-hunting into active writing

to their MPs. It is bizarre that cinemagoers are denied the same rights to make up their own minds that newspaper readers have. not on the ground of taste, but

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t noon today a sharp-suited West End estate agent will rip open some sealed envelopes, pick up the phone to a venerable shopping magnate and his son in Toronto, and tell them what they are bid for one of the greatest of London theatres. "Hon-

est Ed "Mirvish and his son David who outbid Andrew Lloyd Webber to acquire the Old Vic for £550,000 in 1982, and spent millions (some say E30 million) refurbishing it and bankrolling its numerous loss-making ventures will then decide its fate.

The Mirvishes' selling price is said to be a hefty £7.5 million. But they have also declared that they will sell the Vic only to someone prepared to maintain it as a repertory theatre. You don't have to be Mr Price Waterhouse to sense that these two aspirations may not add up.
Consider what has happened at

the Vic this year. Sir Peter Hall has mounted an astonishing rep season: 12 plays, great casts, a radical seven-days-a-week schedule, bold new work, attractive ticket prices.

Save Old Vic from the stripper assets

It has galvanised London's theatre scene. The reviews have been positive and attendances good by current standards. But the Mirvishes had asked for a 65 per cent average take on a house of 1,067 seats, and that has not been achieved. The deficit on the season is approaching seven figures. Who will now fork out £7.5 million, and then have the spare change to risk that kind of loss?

Quite a few people, it seems. The interest has been massive," the estate agent tells me. Mind you, the last estate agent to assure me that "the interest has been massive" subsequently took 18 months to sell my house.

Rather ominously, however, the agent says that inquiries have come from "a diverse range of people". That presumably includes the nightclub owner Alan Whitehead, who has announced a wish to turn the theatre that nurtured

Gielgud, Olivier and Richardson

into a lap-dancing establishment.
I suppose lap-dancing could be described as a form of "repertory theatre". And perhaps we should not get too sanctimonious about the Vic. After all, for much of the 19th century it was known as a lowbrow dive in which the spectacle of drunken depravity in the auditorium was at least as grip-ping as the violent melodramas on the stage. Lap-dancing rather pales into insipidity beside that.

But are there no serious bidders? Sir Cameron Mackintosh ruled himself out early on. Lloyd Webber might be tempted to try for the Vic again, but his Really Useful Group — in financial distress recently—may not yet be back in acquisitive mode. Other big West End owners

Stoll Moss, Apollo Leisure, May-

fair - could be in the running. But

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investment. It is south of the Thames, in a dingy area. The irrepressible Bill Kenwright, Sir Peter Hall's longtime business associate, may be a dark-horse contender, although he would face the same location problem.

The RSC quickly said it was not interested. But back in August The Guardian called for the National Theatre to buy the Vic. its original home. Lord Cowrie, Arts Council chairman, declared himself "very much in favour" of this idea. Could the prompting of these two important institutions be resisted? Sad to

say, the answer was yes. The National said a polite "no thanks". True, the Vic would have provided it with a useful venue to park productions with the potential to run and run". That is what it did with The Wind in the Willows. But again, location is the drawback: if the National has a commercial hit on its hands, it wants to transfer it into the West End proper.

What the National does crave is the Old Vic Annexe: the production workshop round the back which currently houses the Studio, the National's vital "research and my new estate agent friend assures me, could indeed be sold separately. But he points out that there is no guarantee that "17,000 square feet of prime space in Central London" would go to the National.

o what will happen? In the summer Sir Richard Eyre declared the Vic to be "a theatre that can't be run without a public subsidy". That isn't literally true. The Mirvishes have run it unsubsidised for 15 years, and had some commercial successes: Carmen Jones did two years of good business. Another Mirvish-like benefactor who wants to own a large slice of theatre history could appear. Unfortunately, at present most wealthy arts patrons are already spoken for supplying the huge "matching funds" needed for London's many big lottery

Is it impossible, though, to release lottery funds to help to buy the Vic. even at this late stage? can think of few more deserving causes. Yes, the Vic is in the wrong place. But it is the cradle of the modern British theatre, it is a beautiful building, and for the past six months it has again been the jewel in the tiara of theatreland

To contemplate it being turned into a bump'n'grind club is rather into a pump nigrano club is rather like imagining a multistorey car park fitted under the dome of St Paul's. What is needed now is time. The Mirvishes, who have done so much to keep the Vic alive, could now do one less age of maisting. now do one last act of majestic kindness — by accepting not the highest bid, or indeed any bid at all, until those who think that they can make the Vic work as a rep theatre have had a chance to rouse their backers.

Meanwhile, our newly emboldened Culture Secretary should cut through the red tape that seems to stille any imaginative lottery bid. That might just save one of the world's most enchanting theares from a fate worse than death.

Rocky horror music show

The blood-spattered images of Hammer horror may be forever defined by Christopher Lee and the late Peter Cushing, but to devotees of film scores the bold motifs of James Bernard were just as important to the formula. From the company's first dabblings in vampires and garlic in the 1950s, Bernard furnished the music for more than 20 films over the next quarter of a century.

Now aged 72, he returns to the realm of the undead on Monday at the London Film Festival, providing the score for a newly restored version of the German silent film, Nosferatu. The screening of F.W. Murnau's Symphonie des Grauens (Symphony of Horrors) marks the latest instalment of Channel 4's silent film restorations, a series which began so triumphantly in 1980 with Abel Gance's "lost" masterpiece, Napoleon,

As with previous Channel 4 iects supervised by the film historian Kevin Brownlow and his collaborator David Gill (who died this year), Bernard's score will receive the full orchestral treatment at the Festival Hall, where it will be played by the English Chamber Orchestra conducted by the gifted composerorchestrator Nic Raine. Raine also conducted the album recording of the score for the Silva Screen label earlier this

The evening will commemorate two anniversaries: Nosferatu is 75 years old this vear and, as all connoisseurs of bloodsucking fiction will be aware. Bram Stoker's novel Dracula was published exactly a hundred years ago.

Clive Davis on the composer

still making a

career out of Dracula at 72

Though the central charac-

ter in Murnau's film is called Count Orlok, the parallels with the book were so blatant that Stoker's widow sued for compensation. Since the production company - which had not purchased the rights to the novel - was insolvent by this time, the film was ordered to be destroyed. Fortunately for posterity it never was: Max Schreck's eerie portrayal of the gaunt, rat-like vampire survived as a precursor to Bela Lugosi, Christopher Lee and all the other actors who have taken up residence in Count Dracula's

coffin. When it received its premiere in Berlin, Nosferatu was accompanied by an orchestral score by Hans Erdmann. Bernard's new version has been dogged by almost as many legal complications as was the original film. His commission originally came from a video company based in Texas, planning to issue its own restored print, it asked Silva Screen's permission to use extracts from Remard's Dracula sound-

tracks. The request was - understandably enough - turned down. Instead Bernard agreed to write an entirely new work. Working from a cassette in his flat off the King's Road, he

began the laborious job of synchronising themes with timings, only to discover when he had completed the final bars that the Texans seemed to have vanished, leaving no trace except a recorded message at the other end of a telephone line.

Fortunately Brownlow's company, Photoplay, stepped in at this point to adopt the music for its own screening of Nosferatu — the fruits of a coproduction between the Münchner Filmmuseum and the Cineteca del Commune di

t is the culmination of a period of renewed activity by Bernard, who wrote his last Hammer film score in 1974. Feeling that his career had reached a plateau, he then fulfilled a long-held ambition to move to Jamaica. and stayed there for a decade, returning to this country only after the death of his partner.

"I suppose it was a curious thing to have done, to have abandoned my career," he says. "But although I had written some quite lyrical and romantic pieces for other films, once I'd become known as a Hammer composer I think I just felt that I couldn't do anything else. It's like an actor who becomes typecast."

With the growing interest in film music as an art form, Bernard's music has been back in demand. His scores for Hammer productions such as The Devil Rides Out She and, of course, the various Dracula films have since been

recorded by Silva Screen. Nosferatu caps a decidedly off-beat career. After studying with Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music, Ber-

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nard worked with Benjamin Britten — whom he had met some years earlier - and ended up copying out the vocal score for Billy Budd during a year spent commuting back and forth to Aldeburgh, prior to the opera's premiere.

After Britten encouraged him to strike out on his own. Bernard began composing for the BBC's Third Programme. One of the productions was The Duchess of Malfi, whose conductor, John Hollingsworth, also happened to have been appointed musical director at Hammer. When the composer who had been signed up for Hammer's The Quatermass Experiment fell ill. Hollingsworth suggested Bernard as a replacement A fee of £100 set the young

composer off on a new path. For his first three films he was entrusted only with percussion and strings. By the time The Curse of Frankenstein came along in 1957, he was given a full orchestra.

He must also be one of the very few composers to win an Oscar for something other than music. In 1951 he and his friend, the journalist Paul Dehn, devised the story for that tense A-bomb thriller Seven Days To Noon. There was no all-expenses-paid

junketing in Tinseltown; he recalls that their joint Oscars were delivered to them in London in a cardboard box.

The Oscar still stands on Bernard's mantelpiece, testimony to the unexpected twists of a life in film. At one point, filled with youthful ambition, he tried his hand at concert music, his output including a song cycle for Peter Pears that was performed at the Wigmore Hall. The Times gave an enthusiastic review. The Daily Telegraph was withering.

isheartened, Bernard realised that his metier lay elsewhere - in theatre music, perhaps. Little did he know that Christopher Lee lay in wait, fangs bared.

People now take so much interest in film music," he says. "You'd be surprised at how many letters I get even now, especially from America. I'm also told that my music particularly appeals to the young. That pleases me immensely, much more so than having a symphony or an overture played once at a Prom and then never performed again."

 Nosferatu is at the Festival Hall (0171-960 4242) on Monday Nov 17 at 7.30pm

Down to busyness

THE prospect of not one but two concertos by Peter Maxwell Davies was, to judge by the embarrassing turnout at the Barbican on Tuesday night, too daunting for Royal Philharmonic regulars. They need not have worried: one of the concertos - that for piccolo, first heard last season was dropped from the programme, leaving Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Eglyrical warmth. mont Overture to balance

ceiving its London premiere. The concerto was written for, and dedicated to, Kathryn Stott, and according to the composer "much of the piano writing is related exactly to how she plays". The rhythmic vivacity and dashing bravura that characterise the work are **NEW MUSIC**

presumably what Davies is referring to here. There are quieter moments too, and Stott did probably as much as could be done to infuse them with

The overall impression is Davies's Piano Concerto, reone of busyness, of scurrying fingerwork and precipitous figuration — rattled off fearlessly by Stott. But such hyperactivity is not always convincing. I look forward to hearing the work again, and perhaps registering more of the prolific detail with which it

mic detail also loomed large in Davies's handling of the Pas toral. The endlessly repeated patterns that underpin the unfolding harmonic scheme in the first two movements were treated with respect, but it was not enough to counteract the blandness of the reading as a whole, or the imprecision of its execution. The end of the Scherzo passed for nothing, while the thunderstorm was a

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mere damp squib. More successful was the Egmont Overture, which from the belligerent opening chords to the exhilarating coda had all the dramatic verve one

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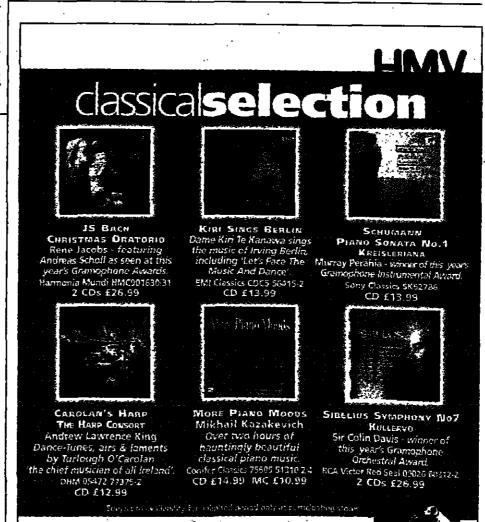
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Just too perfect in paradise

n the beginning God belches out a large cloud of dry ice. He then invents two actors who wear stretchy sky-blue tops and go by the names of Adam and Lilith. They throw interesting body shapes, hang about on rope ladders and share their Eden with a couple of versatile Jewish musicians who play guitar, cello and assorted bits of brass.

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Bored to tears by Adam, Lilith storups off and gives birth to demons, leaving Adam to tend his herbaceous borders. A trio of angels plead with Lilith to come back. She refuses. God takes pity on Adam and invents Eve, an Essex airhead. The rest is all apples, snakes and angels who can't get the fun and respect they think they deserve.

The Besht Tellers are up to their tricks again, this time cleverly embroidering biblical stories and old Jewish myths with little irreverences. The stage, sprinkled with sand and glitter, is full of mirrors and empty picture frames. But it's the rope ladders that get used at every opportunity.

It is a witty rather than subversive spectacle. Two disgruntled angels bored with plucking harps wangle permission to invade the Earth like the Blues Brothers. Needless to say they overstep the mark and one of them, Azazel, ends up in King Solomon's hellish mines.

Angels, we are told, are regular guys who only live



long enough to get the message across. What does that say about Princess Diana?" asks Simon Thorp's confused angel. That's really as dangerous and modish as it gets. The rest of Rebecca

Wolman's production is a wholemeal slice of ancient storytelling, brought to life by just two actors with a panache that is as easy on the eye as it is on the mind. The best are second-half offerings: a holy man who cannot banish his lustful thoughts and finds them articulated by some rude saxophone, and an old Tunisian tale about a haunted house whose furniture is stolen by a greedy old couple.

Simon Thorp and Emma Cater weave these tall tales together with great vocal and physical dexterity. He is a mop-haired version of Withnail and does a wonderful, and doubtless entirely unwitting, vocal impression of Ian McKellen's Richard III. She is

a first-class shape-shifter. Their chemistry is highly selfconscious but they produce pleasant, unprovocative bits of well-performed fable, ultimately too angelic for my

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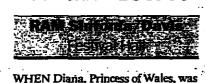
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Mozart with heart



asked on a visit to the Royal Academy of Music why the music of Mozart gave. her particular pleasure, she replied: "Because it brings me joy; it brings me peace." Both qualities were in abundance at an all-Mozart gala she had helped to plan, in joint aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Music's 175th anniversary. It was presented on Wednesday in the presence of the Queen as a solemn yet robust memorial concert.

The main work was the Requiem. And this was a people's Requiem, excelling not so much in its solo prowess (indeed, Lynne Dawson, Jean Rigby, John Mark Amsley and Gerald Finley at times sounded tired and tense) as in its corporate strength.

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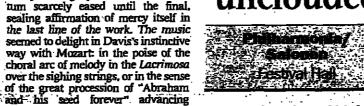
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NO PRAISE can be too high for the The Sinfonia Concertante in E flat way in which Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Philharmonia Orchestra are carrying off their brilliant long-term Ligeti retrospective, Clocks and Clouds. They Bashmet, who not only had to vie with excelled themselves in Tuesday's coneach other, but also had to share the spotlight with two rare Stradivari from cert that featured the very work that has given the series its title

lection. Vengerov took at once to his One of Ligeti's less frequently played 1734 "Habeneck" violin; Bashmet had scores, Clocks and Clouds (1973) sums up much of what is fascinating about to work rather harder at his "Archinto" his music. It juxtaposes sounds that are viola of 1696, which has a thicker. heavier voice than his own instrument. precisely structured and totally diffuse. There was not quite the virtuosity of moving from one extreme to the other. and mixing them. It is music that finds repartee one had hoped for. Rather, Ligeti achieving the seemingly impos-sible: translating light into sound. Scored with gossamer lightness for there was an amicable, respectful professionalism, lit by the irrepressible joy of Vengerov's own individual music-making, and by the palpable chamber orchestra and a dozen-strong women's chorus - here the excellent London Sinfonietta Voices - the piece HILARY FINCH is a continuous wash of gently shifting

tone, except in a few passages where the voices are used percussively. Atmosphères, an earlier Ligeti masterpiece, is even more diffuse. It has no

incidental detail, just texture. Massive clusters characterise it for large orchestra, but the music is ethereal, sometimes nothing more than the hint of a distant breeze. Salonen unfolded the piece with masterly control. Debussy was also preoccupied by

the "sound" of clouds, as the Nuages movement in his Nocturnes testifies. This work made the perfect opening to the concert, and indeed playing Ligeti in the context of Debussy is clever programming: while Ligeti remains a complete original, there is no other composer alive more worthy of comparison with the French master. The Philharmonia was at its luminous best in Nocturnes, and conjured up the haze of the beginning with finesse

Salonen is a discerning Debussian who loves the music but is never indulgent. He brought much-needed clarity to the early La demoiselle élue, and the soorano Katarina Dalayman and mezzo Alice Coote made the most of its sensuous vocal lines. Ravel's second Daphnis et Chloé suite inspired a superfine performance from Salonen and the orchestra, bringing the concert to a brilliant close.

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ootsy Collins is a survivor of pop's tearaway teenage years, a time in black music when a good groove was more highly valued than a good share dividend. At Monday evening's Music of Black Origin Awards, this frontiersman of funk was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement gong by his altogether more corporate-minded successors.

The award was richly deserved. This, after all, is the man who played bass on such molten-gold moments in soul as James Brown's Sex Mach-ine and played a key part in the hugely influential "P-funk" sound of Funkadelic, Parliament, Bootsy's Rubber Band and other satellite groups of the 1970s. But for Collins it was also a reminder of how the contemporary industry is more monochrome and misguided than the one he entered

some 30 years ago.
"It's way too serious now,"
he says, peering through his
star-shaped mirror shades and taking the weight off his thigh-length gold boots. "I'm just so glad to be the product of my time, because today it would be extra hard for a kid to come up and try to have a groovy thing going on. Everything is so hardcore;

nothing's funny no more. But we can bring some fun to this stiff, straight-up situation. The kids are getting fed so much 'How to be a gangsta' and 'You got to get money. It don't matter how you get it, just get it. Then you get people saying: Why are kids like that? You just look around and you'll see

But the 1970s were not all sweetness and delight for Collins. He took the old saw about the 1960s — that if you remember them, you weren't there — and updated it a decade. "I remember going

Paul Sexton gets funky with

Bootsy Collins, soul survivor of the 1970s

through the 1970s and I can recall certain events, but not clearly, because we were probably too high," he says. "We were too busy getting stoopid to remember it clearly." But, far from being an

addled and grizzled veteran, Collins today is a model of articulate positivity, as well he might be with a fine new album, Fresh Outta 'P' University, due out on Monday. The record immediately recalls the finest moments of Pfunk, the hedonistic, unhinged, backbone-slipping urban groove he helped to create with George Clinton, Bernie Worrell and other members of the larger-thanlife "Parliafunkadelicment

Thang".
Collins's optimism is especially commendable when you consider that such seminal records as One Nation Under a Groove, Flashlight and Tear the Roof off the Sucker were kept in the black music ghetto in the 1970s, but have since been appropriated by every-one and his Snoop Doggy Dogg to greater commercial gain. The buzzing, encyclopae-dia-thick basslines, horns aplenty and block party beats crop up on a weekly basis these days in R&B, rap and

"We finally started seeing some royalnes, people started calling, and I started doing a lot of work with the rappers," Collins says. They've grabbed us now, we're like accepted parents. It's a good feeling, because it's bad to be a parent that your kid don't want

"Snoop Doggy Dogg was the one to introduce it to the young generation, and I don't ieei no negativity about what people have done with it. I have to say thanks to that, because they reintroduced what we did to the new audience and that helped to get interest about 'who were those madmen?'. Now, everybody gets a chance to see the DNA of what's happening, and we're part of that DNA."

The new album takes those genetic funk fingerprints and adds new artists and producers with a current cutting edge. The single I'm Leavin' U lates a clever, underplayed motif from Chicago's If You Leave Me Now and a rap by New York rhymer MC Lyte, and the set was by such producers du jour as Mousse T, Boogieman and England's own Norman Cook

To get another opportunity to do what I do, and just to be around to do that, is a blessing," Collins says, mindful of the excesses of his younger years. But he cannot stay solemn for long. This, after all, is the man who shocked his first employer, James Brown, by kitting himself out in hot pants and fur boots.

The way it's set up today, the kids don't have any fun. You go to a concert, somebody steps on your feet, you're mad. Somebody pours beer on you. you're mad. At our concerts, all that was legal, that's what we did. That, to me, is really being missed. If that's what the dinosaurs were about, I'd rather be a dinosaur.'



The understatedly elegant Bootsy Collins shows he's still the wheel thing, pop-pickers

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Reload

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IT IS easy to underestimate Metallica. Their thunderous riffs, snarling mannerisms and scrotum-squeezing black trousers have consigned them in many people's minds to the cartoon heavy-rock ghetto. But Metallica's music is not as susceptible as you might as-sume to the glib dismissals it

Despite its confusing title, Reload is a proper new al-burn, not a collection of remixes from last year's Load. On first hearing it sounds like standard-issue heavy metal derived from the Black Sabbath school of warrior-rock with nods to everyone from Led Zeppelin to Wishbone Ash along the way. But there are distinctively venomous undercurrents to Bad Seed and Prince Charming, songs freighted with a huge slarnming beat and lyrics which trawl some of the murkier depths of the psyche.

And for all of Metallica's minilistic aggression, they continue to display a finely developed ear for melody, particularly on slower numbers such as Low Man's Lyric and The Unjorgiven II (a convincing sequel to their hit, The

Unforgiven).
While Metallica have softened since the heyday of their self-titled "black" album of 1991, their purity of vision and commitment to the cause have kept them flying high while rivals — from Guns N' Roses to Pearl Jam — have fallen by the wayside. Reload conforms to the tradition, and complaints about lack of originali-ty or poor taste are destined to fall on deaf ears (literally, one suspects, among those who have seen them play live).

ALABAMA 3. Exile on Coldharbour Lane (Elemental/Geffen ELM-40

£14.49) FROM the deep South of London - Brixton to be precise - comes Alabama 3, a group with seven or so fulltime members that expands to embrace 20 or more DJs, vocalists and dancers when performing live. Their exqui-sitely titled debut, Exile on Coldharbour Lane, is an oddly enchanting mix of blues,

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drum machine groove with lyrics about religion, drugs and revolutionary politics had better have a sense of humour, and Alabama 3 certainly pass muster in this department. "It's been a while since I saw your ultra-violet smile," Larry Love sings in U Don't Dans 2 Tekno Anymore, a kind of linedance for the rave generation that is typical of this album's wry sense of fun.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Paint it Blue — The Songs of the Rolling Stones (Ruf 1020 £13.49)

'IT'S the singer, not the song." Mick Jagger once sang. And while it was a neat idea to recruit various rhythm & blues artists to perform old numbers by the Rolling Stones, very few of the singers inhabit their chosen songs with anything approaching Jagger's force of personality.

Most of the performances stick closely to the original arrangements, although Junior Wells somehow remodels Satisfaction to accommodate the riff of Smokestack Lightning, Taj Mahal turns Honky Tonk Women into a slow, back-porch country blues and Joe Louis Walker converts Heart of Stone into the full-blooded Memphis soul song it was always trying to be.

Bobby Womack reclaims his own song, It's all Over Now, with predictable aplomb and Lucky Peterson hammers out an impressively high-energy version of Under my Thumb. But my favourite track is Johnny Copeland's version of Tumbling Dice, his last recording before he died. Copeland sings this dissipated ode to the good times in an unusually frail voice full of battered emotion.

SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES

The Crock Of Gold (ZTT MACG002 E12.99) THE second solo album by

Shane MacGowan is another collection of his faux-Irish drinking songs, knocked out with the same bleary imprecision for which he was once ridiculed but is now increasingly revered.

His punk fervour dimmed over the years, but MacGowan retains an ear for a jaunty tune and a rare gift for narrative storytelling. Songs such as Paddy Rolling Stone and St John of Gods intimate relationship between tragedy and farce.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Not so much a rebel yell, more an insult

lastonbury, 1997: in a neon-lit sea of mud, 50,000 people gather to watch the Prodigy. In the year just gone, they have scored two No I singles -Breathe and the awesome Firestarter, which rivals only Smells Like Teen Spirit and 1990s. Their current album, Fat Of The Land, is the third fastest-selling album ever in the UK, behind only Michael Jackson's Bad and U2's Rattle and Hum. Their frontman, Keith Flint, has become a national icon; Select magazine has rendered his likeness onto a free balloon, and Lucozade is running a TV ad campaign around a grandad Keith

lookalike going mental on their fizzy orange stuff. The Prodigy are as integrated into the mainstream as it is possible to be, without being when the only thing either a) a red London bus, b) a they could rebel packet of chips with curry sauce or c) the Spice Girls appearing on the lottery dressed as the cast of East-Enders. The Prodigy are the established musical orthodoxy

So when, looking out over an audience of muddy people wearing Prodigy T-shirts (£L5), Prodigy beenie hats (£11) and Prodigy "quality" baseball caps (El2), Maxim Reality hollered "This is dangerous!", one's heart sank. That deluded cry meant that the Prodigy

were going to at-tempt to be subversive" and "rebellious" in a year against was them-selves. Which is always rather tricky: It has become

even more embarrassing this week, with the release of the fourth single from their platinum album, the charmingly titled Smack My Bitch Up. The only defence that the Prodigy have been able to muster is that the offending title is from an Ultramagnetic

MC's sample and that it



CAITLIN **MORAN**

phonetically". Well, personally, I've always found that the name Ku Klux Klan is wonderfully alliterative; but it is shied away from usanswer machine messages. Clearly, by using this title, the Prodigy are try-

ing to underline that they're still "hardcore" and "underground", even though they all have mansions in Essex and are turning down work from Madonna. Sadly, they proved they're just rather thoughtless 12-year-olds trying to be hard

by using nasty words: if they'd really wanted to be "hardcore", "underground" and indeed rather subversive, they should have kept the original artwork to the single, which depicted a car wrapped something I've around a lamppost. This was removed, and the single de-Diana, Princess of Wales. How very "street", to fear offending the Royal Family and the mawkish worshippers of Diana, but to think insulting battered women is fine and

dandy. The sad truth of the matter is that there can't really be any rebellion from white boy bands any more. These days culture is so fragmented that any rebellious act is likely to annoy, at most, 12 people. This is one of the many tragedies of Smack My Bitch Up — the Prodigy are rebelling against the mainstream (PC 16 to 24year-olds) by siding with the minority (unreconstructed sexist baboons). The white mainstream cul-

ture that the Prodigy think they're subverting is rather like Jonathan King. Any offence, insult, threat and gibe that can be thrown at it will be as armour. When Jim Morrison sang "They've got the guns/but we've got the num-bers" on the anti-Vietnam tune Five To One - that was genuinely subversive. Twenty years later, his life is made into a film starring the Dettol-clean Meg Ryan, and you can get Jim Morrison T-shirts on Ox ford Street for a fiver. Fai accountants wear them on paint-balling weekends. All that white popular culture can hope to do these days is introduce new ideas - and smacking bitches up is as old as the hills.

TOP TEN ALBUMS



Blackburn Bolton Bury St.Edmunds Cambridge Cannock Chelmsford Colchester Boncaster Grimsby Halitax Hereford

Peterborough Preston Rochdale Scarborough Southport Sheffield-Meadowhall Wakefield Warrington Wigan Worcester

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Picture perfect HUW WARREN

A Barrel Organ (Babel BDV 9718) THIS intriguingly quirky al-bum by the pianist and accor-dionist Huw Warren centres on a suite inspired by the 1920s and 1930s photographs of

JAZZ ALBUMS

John Topham. Drawing on a

rich stew of musical traditions folk, free and straightabead jazz, plus the odd dash of Latin - Warren has provided his nonet with an attractively varied set of compositions, at once uncontrivedly evocative of the photographs' subjects and skilful in their deployment of the superb clarinettist Pete Whyman and saxophonist Mark Lockheart.

CHARLIE HADEN The Montreal Tapes with Geri Allen and Paul Motian

Verve 537 483-2) IN THE summer of 1989, a series of eight concerts involving bassist Charlie Haden and assorted long-time collaborators took place in Montreal. This album documents the music of the band involving pianist Geri Allen and drummer Paul Motian, celebrated at the time for its intelligence and subtle strength.

Haden's anthemic earnestness. Motian's tight but adventurous propulsion and Allen's eloquent, cluttered vig-our combine on music of startling originality.

CHRIS PARKER



Dettori plans to reduce rides in fresh approach

By Chris McGrath

FRANKIE DETTORI began the week by switching on the Christmas lights in Regent Street, which august duty had been performed 12 months previously by the Spice Girls - a revealing measure of how the Italian jockey has enchanted the world outside racing. Yesterday, however, a date round the corner in Portman Square plunged him into un-

characteristic gloom. Dettori, who could teach Father Christmas a thing or two about jollity, instead felt inclined to humbug after the Jockey Club gave him a 21-day ban, one week of which is suspended for six months. Its effects, however, seem certain to endure much longer.

For it prompted him into a soul-searching analysis of where his remarkable career is heading, and a revision of

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Headwind

(3.45 Exeter)

Josh Gifford has his string in cracking form and the well-regarded Headwind can contime the good run at Exter (3:3). Beaten a short head on his only run less season, the soft ground index will be ideal.

NB: The Flying Doctor (1.50 Cheltenham)

priorities that will almost certainly allow Kieren Fallon a serene defence of his championship next year. Dettori indicated that he will in future sacrifice quantity to quality, preserving the fires that, at 26, are already consuming more. of his abundant energies than is comfortable. Like Richard Dunwoody

over jumps, Dettori has tired of the nerve-fraying attrition of the championship, which has proved beyond him, through injury or suspension; for the past two years. "It's hard to find a happy medium. he said. "I'm going to concentrate on my job with Godolphin, the bigger races, and not tear around riding the 1,300 races I did in 1995, and 1,000 in 1996. But nor am I just

months long. With the commitments I have in Dubai. and in November and December. you have to pace yourself or you don't get to the end. As they say, I've got the T-shirt. I've been there and done it. I've won the championship, been tearing round the country for almost three years, so I'm planning to be a little bit more selective. This year, I rode in 700 races, and it gave me some freshness.

"My owner pays the bill and expects me to be 100 per cent. I'm not going to ride seven races a day, 14 in summer. It's a precaution against suspension, against getting hurt in smaller races."

These sober reflections were

prompted by a ban that requires him to miss the ride on Mons in the Japan Cup on November 23. For the sport's golden boy has been accumulating black marks while working the season's long treadmill, being referred to the disciplinary committee by the Newmarket stewards after a sixth riding offence on October 31. An audience in London is automatic for the next breach after passing a 15-day trigger, and Dettori had already served 18 days for various misdemeanours before being found guilty of careless riding that day.

He would have bothered riding on the all-weather only to keep fit for Japan, so the committee took the decision to ban him worldwide for a fortnight from November 18, regardless of whether Flat racing is scheduled in Britain. John Maxse, the Jockey Club spokesman, said: "The committee did not want a hollow penalty, where he could have gone abroad to ride most weekends. His plans would barely have been affected."

"I am a little bit disappointed, because I thought it was going to cover only British racing days," Dettori added. "It's been an up and down year. Let's not forget, racing is a very competitive sport. When you go 40 miles an hour, you make a split-second decision and sometimes you an Maguire, as the likeliest "Now the season is 12 make a slight error."



Irish Stamp attempts to go one better this year in the Sporting Index Chase over Cheltenham's cross-country course

Indian Jockey can continue rise 4.05: Northern Drums, a

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

2.25: Skilful placing by his trainer, Martin Pipe, rather disguised the continuing improvement of Indian Jockey until he proved a revelation when raised in class at Ascot last time. His only defeat in ten starts was over hurdles on his reappearance, and while this tough little horse is now giving weight away, rather than receiving it - he can shrug off a 61b higher mark with another bold round of jumping in front.

Flying Instructor, among the best of a crop of novices of questionable quality last sea-son, tends to need his first outing, while a combination of inexperience and possible lack of fitness counts against Call Equiname, who got jarred up last autumn. Amlah steps out of novice grade. Time Won't Wait does not always find much and Mister Oddy is exposed, if from a stable in form -- leaving Ireland's challenger, Perknapp, the mount of Adridanger.

3.00: The previous chase win- here when second over hurners have question marks over them and they face some interesting recruits. The Proms was a nerve-testing sight at Haydock, while the odds-on favourite fell when Kilmington won at Kempton. Kendal Cavalier stays well, as he showed on his first start for a new yard at Chepstow,



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

and should not be ignored in the event of rain. The most prudent choice, however, may be the Irish raider. Coolree Lord, who has been in good form after gaining some experience of fences during the summer. Adrian Maguire is a heartening booking. Yahmi retains it when third at did not seem to relish the hill Tramore in the summer.

dles, but the Paul Nichollstrained Strong Chairman, unbeaten in five point-topoints last year, is predictably well regarded.

3.35: A hair-raising spectacle. McGregor The Third, winner of the two previous runnings, is denied his chance of a treble after succumbing to "a runny nose" on the eve of the race. Irish Stamp, for one, will not be missing him, having been routed by 18 lengths when second last year. He is an old hand in this type of race, but was perhaps showing gratitude for a return to park fences when a fine second to Bertone at Ascot on his return. Marketplace was tailed off here last year, and a similar fate may befall his Czech travelling companions, but there are possibilities about the raiders from Ireland.

Fiftysevenchannels may not last home over this trip, but Bishops Hall has shown plenty of ability at various stages of his career - and there was evidence that he

tubed son of Sadler's Wells. has picked up the strands of his early promise on the Flat since Martin Pipe acquired him as yet another bargain out of a seller. He has gone up 10lb for another easy handicap win at Stratford last time, but his trainer does not believe him done with yet. Either Northern Drums or Tiutchev must have their limitations exposed today, however, and there is every chance that the latter, a spectacular winner at Exeter, is likewise an improved horse for his new connections. Certainly, his jumping looks greatly improved compared to last year.

Exalted's form is as good as his big weight suggests, while at the other end of the scale, Country Minstrel appeared to run well on his reappearance, and may offer a glimmer of value. The only real danger to the two obvious improvers here, however, may be concealed among the Irish dark horses, with Orange Order the possible pick.

CHRIS McGrath

CHELTENHAM

3.00 Yahmi 3.35 Fiftysevenchannels

1.50 Noble Colours 4.05 NORTHERN DRUMS (nap) 2.25 Call Equiname Timekeeper's top rating: 2.25 AMLAH.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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1.15 James Pigg

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GOING. GOOD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.15 COLN VALLEY FISH AND GAME CO HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs, £3,420, 3m 1f) (5 numers)

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SETTING 7-4 Court Metady, 2-1 James Prgg. 5-1 Grange Brake, 8-1 MRAgas, 8-1 Par Four 1996, NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Grange Brake relosed in 49 m Good Material of Anthree (good previously 45) 10th to Piper 8 kpp in course and declares hashous chase (good to farm) with James Pigg 1686 setter oil; piedal as Pyr Four pulled up in 23 m Shallord handings chase (good) Court Melody 401 3rd to Carross Gott in 2 m 11 Well-enhanders chase (good) James Pigg 331 6th to Lively hogs in 32 m wordship handings chase (good) James 7 m 19 m analiseus francings chase chase course and distance (good) Hithwalk 441 6th to Bertone in 3 m Accol handings chase (good). JAMES PIGG, Still well handicapped, has less to do man on his latest start.

1.50 EUROBALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,030: 2m 110yd) (7 ruoners)

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BETTING, 5-2 Honey Today, 7-2 Nathe Colours, 4-1 The Flying Doctor, 5-1 Naceum, Come On February, 12-11/6-Permetall, 25-1 Admiratily Nav

FORM FOCUS

Noble Colours 6/2 2nd to Desert Mountain in 2m Weinerby, transcap hurdle (good to fam). Homey Trader nect 2nd to Lura-Fleat in
2m 1/1 Gowran Park handstop hurdle (good) with Mass. Pearsylvill
(1/1b worse off) 311 5th The Flying Doctor 44-1 3rd to Stane River in 2% Bangor conditional states;
handscap hurdle (good). Massaum 6/2 2nd to Str Bank in 2m Sandown reviews randicion briefle
(good). Admiratly Way 48/1 8th to Nine O Three in 2% in Worcester handscap hurdle (good to form,
Come On Penny beat Winter Rose 3%) in navice hurdle at Worcester (good to form, NOBLE COLOURS has nothing of Desert Mountain's calibre to contend with here

2.25 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£6,691: 2m) (7 runners) 1111-31 RDBAN JOCKY 13 (D.F.B.S) (5 Mercer) M Pipe 5-12-0 A P. McCoy 147
434143- TREE WIRNT WART 186 (D.F.B.S) (5th Berts Private Preliups 8-2-0 R (Duramont) 15-1
1437-31- R YING INSTRUCTION 181 (D.F.G.S) (Lady Lynii) P R'écholer 7-11-11 N Wildermoon 15-1
1107-11- CALL EQUIRAGE 384 (D.G.) (M. Colson) P Michols 7-11-3 I Ming 11-11-6 A MSTER DODY 191 (BC COLSON) RAIS KIND J King 11-11-6 M A Fringardal 15-3
3-11212 ANIAM 13 (BF.D.F.G) (Salm Granmi) P Hobbs 5-10-10 B Powell 145
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BETTING: 7-4 Indian Jackey, 4-1 Flying Instructor 9-2 Cat Equations 7-1 Perforage Arrials, 10-1 Michael Octor

FORM FOCUS (good) Time Won't Watt a distance lact of 3 to Aniquan Flyet in 2m Ascot hendicap chase (good) Time Won't Watt a distance lact of 3 to Aniquan Flyet in 2m Humingdon hendicap hurdle (good to farm). Flyet ginstructor best Dande imp 31 in 24 m Bangon nonnec chase (good) Call Enguname beat Fire Thyre 1% to 2% m Wortester nonnec chase (good). Mister Oddy 31 2nd to Political Tower in 2m Wethert, handleap classe (good in soft); previously 2%1 3nd to Cumbran Challenge in 2m Ascot handleap chase (good in farm) with Time Won't Watt (2h worte oil) 2%1 4th Perforapp 3 2nd to Tell Tre-Nipper in 25 m Latowel handleap chase (good in soft) Amtah 31 2nd to Eulogy in 25 m Ascot nonnec chase (good).

INDIAN JOCKEY can add to his front-running Ascot success

3.00 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE

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402 41851-1 KCLMINGTON 9 (F.S) (H Peltram) J Edited 8-11-5 L.As
403 51210-1 THE PROMS (F.S) (MS.S.) Mould) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-5 C. Lieve
404 -045912 COOLREE LORD 13 (B.E.S.) (Mas.S. A Johnson) M Houngan (Inc.) 6-11-0 A. Mag
405 /1111- STROMS CHARMAN 2029 (F.S) (Hand & Co Lid) P Nacholis 6-11-0 J. J. Man
406 112242- YAHM 195 (F.S) (W.S.M.) J DRI 7-11-0

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SEFTING: 9-4 Yahon, 3-1 The Proms, 7-2 Strong Chamman, 5-1 Kilmangton, 11-2 Cookies Lord, 13-2 Kendu

1998: STORMTRACKER 7-11-5 M Richards (8-1) C Weedon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

Kendal Cavaller beat Zander 21 in 3m Chepstow novice chaza (good) Klimington beat By's Harbour 33/31 in 3m Kempton novice chaza (good) The Proms beat Alaskan Heu 25/3 in 3m Harpon novice chaze (good) The Proms beat Alaskan Heu 25/3 in 3m Harpon novice chaze (good) The Proms beat Alaskan Heu 25/3 in 3m Harpon handleap hundle (good to

Yahmi 1% 2nd to Phowell in 3m Haydock hundle (good) YAHMI, a smart hurdler, makes plenty of appeal

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1.30 Ask In Time. 2.00 Urban Lily. 2.35 Abavard 3.10 Karicleigh Boy. 3.45 Headwind. 4.15 'iggins.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

1.30 BRAMBLE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,099: 2m 1(110yd) (16 runners)

2.00 SW PACING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,858: 2m 1f 110yd) (7) 7-4 Dames, 7-2 Alice's Minor, 11-2 Bishops Casile, 6-1 Urban Lily, Pariston, 14-1 Se Paysont, 16-1 Technical Move.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chebonham: 3.00 The Proms. 4.05 Leyesham: Exeter: 3.10 Spiral Ryer, Sule's Dream. Southwell: 12.05 Ed's Folly. 3.20 E B freasure.

2.35 CITY OF EXETER CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,652: 2m 6f 110)d) (4)

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3.45 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES CHASE (£3,834; 2m 3f) (8)

1 442 - DANTES CAWA ER 273 (8° F.S.) D Gardollo 7-10-12 8 Bradiny
2 19-3 DOWILEN/ER HENEST 20 Kg R Carls 7-10-12 D Monts
3 58-7 GLENORE 282 A Turnel 6-10-12 P Holds
4 29- HEADWRD 282 B F S J Colone 6-10-12 P Holds
5 68-7 SHOWNSHILL MARKEST 278 A Turnel 6-10-12 S Michael
6 122- STEP OR ENE-166 (627 Funds 7-10-12 Radiason 7 111- WANNAMEN KING 1949 (638) 8 Hodges 5-10-12 T Disconde 8 299- KONGES MELODY 274 C Pophysis 6-10-7 Mr O McPhael (7) 2-1 Danies Casolies, 9-4 Step On Eyes, 4-1 Headwood, 5-1 Waywordt King, 14-1 Constavethouest, 20-1 Glassics, 25-1 Snowshill Harvest, 50-1 Kongies Markety,

4.15 TARKA HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,902: 2m 3f) (8)

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER

12.05 Chaluz, 12.35 Hannah's Usher, 1.05 Jolly Harbour, 1.40 los Age. 2.15 Balanita. 2.45 Ocker. 3.20 Emperor's Gold. 3.55 El Nido.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12.05 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP (Div 1: £1,944: 71) (16 numers)

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| 1 6400 THEATRE MASIC 106 (CD) D Shee 4-10-8 | G Fautoner (5) 5
| 2 0000 GENLEE JOHN B (CD) J Parkes 4-9-8 | S Wittenorth 8
| 3 4903 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 13 (C) R Hothesbead 6-9-9 | F Lynch 11
| 4 2203 ZALOTTO 25 (B) 1 Ethermotion 3-9-18 | Date O'Riell 3
| 5 3060 TROLAM HERD 8 (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-5 | A Cofanne 14
| 6 0000 LEISH CROTTER 21 (BUDJ.F.S.) F Conded 8-9-2 | P Perkarn 1
| 7 3700 STAR WITNESS 17 (D.F.S.) A Newcombe 5-9-6 | J Tale 13
| 8 1950 SE WARRED 16 (V.CD.F.S.) J Pears 6-9-13 | M Wightam 2
| 9 4903 STAR WITNESS 17 (D.F.S.) A Newcombe 5-9-6 | J Tale 13
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| 10 1004 CHALLUZ 45 B Bustes 1-8-10 | Dec (7) 7
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| 15 0040 MILETRIAM REPURB 22 (S) M Charmon 4-8-4 | Candy Monte 10
| 16 0000 CREES SOAWS E MASSIAND 5-8-4 | D J General 12

16 Q/QC CREES SQAW 58 B McMahon 5-8-4 J Brandff 9-2 Zaloto, 11-2 Bold Anslocat, 7-1 Ed's Folly, 8-1 Tropin Hero, 9-1 others.

12.35 CARNATION CLAIMING STAKES

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1 5000 RAMESY HOPE 18 (V.D.F) C Farturst 4-9.5 ... L Charmock 3

2 4000 GWESPYR 33 (F.S) Ennos Inces 4-9.1 Mm Tedder 1

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3.20 LILY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,999: 1m) (13)

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8 0000 JOLI FLIE 37 J Meanwhigh 8-6 Dame O'Neil 2
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3.55 IRIS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£1,999: 1m 6f) (17)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SOUTHWELL: Trainant: Mrs. M. Roveley, 27 venners from 111 numers, 24.3%; R. Boss, 3 kmm 14. 21.4%; W. Hagges, 5 from 32, 18.8%; M. Chesson, 5 from 52, 16.7%, P. Hassiam, 15 from 94, 16.0%, Johnsys: O. Biggs, 25 venners from 122 notes, 18.9%; G. Milligan, 3 from 17, 17.6%, C. Lowber, 4 from 27, 14.8%; Ja. Hannam, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

3.35 SPORTING INDEX CROSS COUNTRY CHASE

(£17,669: 3m 7l) (13 runners)

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4.05 MURPHYS IN A BOTTLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£7.490; 2m 110vd) (15 runners)

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Coome Hill plan

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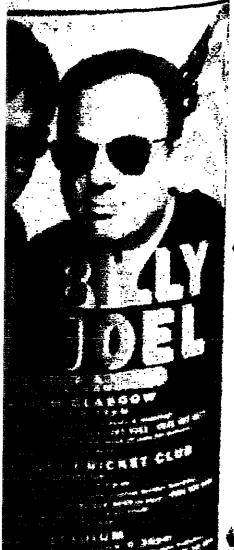
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Going: good, good to soft in places DF 1870 Titlo. £10.60. CSF: £14.29. Titloset: 544.89. 1.40 (2m 1f 110)rd holie) 1, Namoodej (A. Maguire, 2-1 lavi; 2, As Your Like 8 (5-1); 3, Indexna Princess (7-2) 19 ran. 51, 51. Dividence Princess (7-2) 19 ran. 51, 51. Supplies (10.51); 2. St. CSF: £1. A4. 2. 15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Radeagh Native (G. Bradley, 9-1), 2, Feel The Power (100-30); 3. Exactine Deasyn (7-2) Durano 3-1 fav 8 ran 81, 21. C Brooks Toter £10.00; £2.50, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £13.50. CSF: £25.72. 2.45 (2m ft 10) rd rd(s) 1, Saad Mad Bad (P. Niven, 6-1); 2, Kingdom Emperor (11-1); 3, Dulas Bay (2-1), Fetaleste 13-8 fav. 15 rán. 10, 51. Mrs. M. Rewelly, Toter £5.50; £1.30, £2.40, £1.40. DF: £34.40. Titor £41.20. £35. 258.70. 3.15 (3m 11 ch) 1, Coole Hill (A Magnitte, 6-4 tay): 2, Nauchty Future (10-1): 3, Deise Marshall (12-1) 9 ran. 134, 211. 0 Natchalon. Tole: 25 50; 21.10, 22.50, 22.50. DF 216:00. Tree: 529.10 CSF 216.14. Treast: 2124.60.

Treast £124.60
3.45 (2m 51 110vd hdis) 1, Toby Brown (A
Maguire, 94 ji-lav); 2, Five Flags (9-4 filav); 3, Bounderner (25-1), 13 ren. 294, dist.
0, Nicholson, Toler £2.90; £1.30, £1.90,
£5.90 DF £4.50, Tro: £33.00, £5. Quadpot: 59,00. Placepol: £11,60.

Taunton Going: good 1.00 (2m 11 hdls) 7, Little Hootigan (L. Aspell, 4-1 (1-fav, Thunderer's nap); 2. Cusadpot: £139.50.

Hubert (4-1 it-fav); 3, Chalcs (5-1), 11 ran. 44, 41, 8 Knight, Tote: \$2.90; \$1.10, \$1.80, \$1.90, DF: \$7.60, Tito: \$18.30, CSF; \$17.95, Tricast \$72.06. Liff. So. I (Rass. Liff. 100.)

1.30 (2m 11 hdis) 1. Two To Tengo (C. Liewelbin, 10-1): 2. Not For Parrot (25-1): 3. King Mola (evens law): 14 rain: 141. 2. N Tweston-Davies. Tota: C7.00; £1.80, £5.10, £1.10. DF £59.40. This: £75.90 CSF: £199.43. 2.05 (2m 3f ch) 1, Eleues (J Colloly, 10-1); 2. Can'i Say (25-1); 3, Indian Temple 20-11, Supermok (f) 13-8 fav. 11 can. Nr. Statelogh Cal. St. yel. J Kng. Tote: £14-50; 23-10, £3-80, £3-10 (2f: £52-50) Trio. £161.50, CSF. £189.11. Tricast; £4,397.02

2161.50, CSF, £189.11. Tricest; £4,397.02 2.35 (2m st 10)td Inde); 1, A.S. Jim (Mr H Other, 100.30); 2. Country Tarquin (11-4 lan); 3. Pair Ot Lacks (12-1), 10 ran, 194, 5. O O'Neall, Toter (53.02); £1.60, £180, £2.20. DF: £8 50. Tric: £26.40. CSF: £11 57. Tricast; £25.08. 3.05 (3m, ct); 1, Dream Leader (A.P. McCoy, 3-1); 2. Seepte Lack (18-1); 3, Laiforedier (14-1), Ghas Greungh 5-2 lev 10 ran, £24, 13; M. Roberts, 10er £3.90; £1.50, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £34.10. Tric £116.80, CSF: £42.20. Tricast: £524 12.

3.35 (3m 110)d hdis) 1, Decytory (A P McCoy, exerts lav); 2, St Melton Lessine (12.1); 3, Weaver Square (33-1), 10 ran, 5, 40, M Pipe, Tote: £1 80; £1 30; £2 70; £3 00. DF; £8,80; CSF; £13,47, Tito: £247,10. 4.05 (2n 11 fed): 1, Vellent Memory (P Ryen, 16-1): 2, Lucky Touch (20-1); 3, Strong Brew (15-8 key), 13 ren, 141, 54, Crance, Tole 241.60, 58.60, 24.30, C1.30. DF 2271.70, CSF, 5283.54, Tel. 5384.20 Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,332,75 carried forward to Cheltecham today). Placepot: £134.40.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard 12.20 (7) 1, hor's Dead (A Whelen, 4-1): 2, Robo Magic (16-1): 3, Everset (11-4 tay) 11 an. Sh. fd., 144 Mass G Kelevsay Tots 17-30: 12-30, 123-30, 11-30. DF: 248-00. Trio 125-00. CSF: 155-53 Tricast (186-67 225.00. CSF: 150.53 (Nears; 1700.07)
12.50 (Im. 2) 1, Math Franchise (Meron Dwyer, 8-1); 2; Haydri James (14-1); 3; Haydringe Boy (4-1); 455.8 Beyeld (7-8 Iss. 10 ran NR: Mister Heights, 11, 314, R Flower, 16te; 58,00 et 22,0, 300, ct 30 D F 889 10, Im. 2261 30 CSF: 2105.61 Thicest 2473.14. 1.20 681 1, Sure To Dreim RF Perham.
14-11: 2, Blue Lamp (11-10 tay); 3, Outside
George (100-11, 10 ran, NR; Kigmeric Lady,
Wild Neijle 134, 34, R Philips, Tole: £20,60;
64.00, £1.00, £5.80 DF; £15.10 CSF
£28,18 Titor £136.90. 528.19, Into 1735-90.
5,50 (8) J. Just Another Time (C Lowther, 100-30 hay; 2, Muja's Magic (20-1), 3, Ok Babe (9-2), 14 car. NJ, Pd. J. Berry, Tote: 52.20, 13 nd, 64.30, 52.30, 07: 258.40. Trio. 1755.10, CSF: 272.70

225 (fm 4f) 1, Relea A Prince (W Ryan, 7-2), 2, Field (9-4 tay); 3, Edan Heights (7-1), 7 ran, NR, Night City, 294, 34, 9 Woods, Tote: Q400; 52, 10, 52, 10, 00° 64, 60; CSF: £11.25 2.25 (Im) 1, Night Vigil (M Hile, 13-9); 2, Special Pesson (15-1); 3, Rubemme (6-4 tay) 11 mn. 31, rik. B Hills Tole 23.00; 21.30, 22.40, 21 10. DF: £13.10 Tho £23.70 CSF: £24.69

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3.55 [7] 1, Palacegate Touch (C Lowins: 11-10 fay); 2, Sezang (14-1); 3, Ineccapon (4-1); 10 can. 294, 294, J Beny, Toler £1.90, £1.10, £29, £2.10, £1.91, £1.10, £10,70 CSF: £18.71, Tricact £48.10
Placepot: £150.50. Quadpot: £10,00.

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1.05 ORCHID MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,294: 5f) (13)

1.40 CARNATION CLAIMING STAKES

DETER: Trainers: 1882 27, 1983 27, 1984, 58 reads., 9 tom 112 names; 30 4%, M Pipe, 75 from 291. 25.8%, G Edwards, 9 kpm 45, 20.0%, T Fursier, 4 from 20, 20.0%, P Hobbs, 25 from 130, 19 2%, Joshoye, J Oshome, 27 interess from 75 rules, 280%, G Stuple, 4 from 19, 21.1%, C Maude, 14 from 83, 16.9%, J Frozi. 19 from 140, 13.5%,

TENNIS

Rusedski's fine year draws to a sad close

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN HANOVER

THE extent of Greg Rusedski's hamstring injury became clear last night when the Briton heeded medical advice to withdraw from the ATP Tour world championship. Diagnosed as requiring a week's complete rest. Rusedski had little option but to default from his final roundrobin match with Carlos Moya. Victory in straight sets would have kept alive his faint hopes of reaching the semi-finals

Instead, Rusedski was left to reflect on four days of misfortune in his inaugural appearance here. Although he will cash a qualifier's cheque for \$80,000 (about £50,000), he departs after two defeats in as many matches and, more pertinently, without having added any points to his world ranking. Yevgeni Kafelnikov, already through to the semifinals yesterday after devouring Michael Chang 6-3, 6-0, has done enough to overhaul Rusedski. The Great Britain

RESULTS

RED GROUP: C Moyà (Sp) wo G Rusedski (GB) scr. WHITE GROUP: Y Katelnikov (Russ) bt M Chang (US) 6-3, 6-0; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-3, 6-1

No I will drop to No 6 when the year-end ranking table is published on Monday.

The injury, with which Rusedski inexplicably awoke Wednesday morning, brought his vintage season to a premature conclusion. Immensely proud to be Great Britain's first representative in the tournament's 27-year history, Rusedski expressed his disappointment last night. "If I was healthy and had lost all three matches, that would have been fine," he said. "I was so looking forward to playing, but it gives me more incentive to get back here next

Initially, Rusedski felt frus-24-hour postponement was dismissed by tournament officials intent on satisfying the scheduling demands of television. However, results of scans on Rusedski's right leg rendered his request academ-

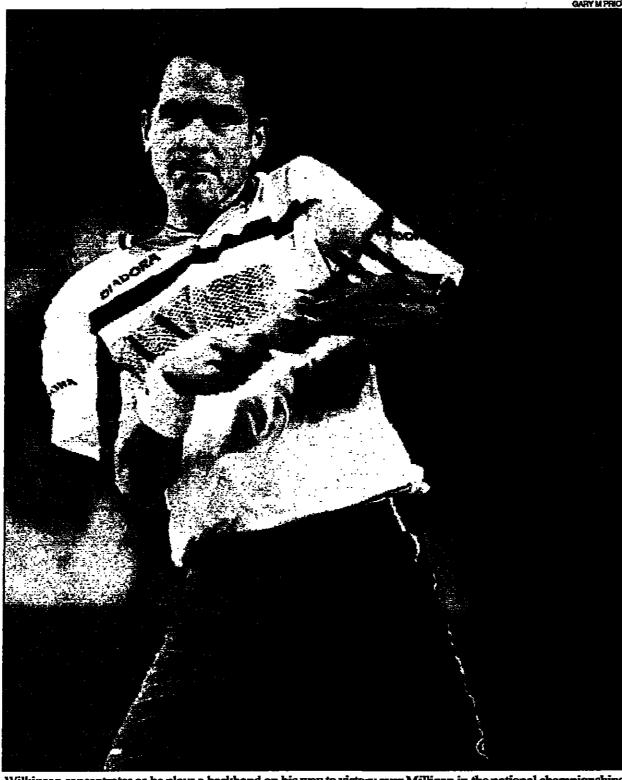
ic. He was replaced in the red group by Thomas Muster. Two medical specialists recshould take a week off, thus closing one of the most successful chapters in British tennis since the war. Rusedski won two tournaments and reached the final at the US Open, accruing seasonal prize-money of \$1,515,473 (about £900,000). He rose to a career-high No 4 in the world and made the semi-finals in 11 of the 24 events he contested.

However, the effort has taken its toll. Doug Spreen, the ATP Tour trainer who examined Rusedski after his match with Sampras on Wednesday evening, said that the people who had played a lot of tennis". He continued: "When a part of the body gets fatigued, you may have minor strains in that muscle. The symptoms you get are tightness and soreness. Greg has a slight spasm and a lot of ightness in that hamstring."

Spreen's words fuelled the belief that this end-of-season championship should be detached, by one week, from the end of the regular Tour. The scramble for places in this eight-man field went right to the wire, denying the successful participants any time to

Patrick Rafter alluded to the physical problems confronting players here when he said on the eve of the tournament: "I am sure everyone is nursing something, a certain injury It's no secret among all the players [when] there is something wrong. But when you're out on the court and the adrenalin is running, you don't feel it."

As if to emphasise the point, Sergi Bruguera, himself engaged in the qualifying race to the bitter end, virtually resigned himself to withdrawing after exacerbating a rib injury in losing to Jonas Bjorkman yesterday. A standby replacetrated when his request for a ment for the Spaniard in the white group - almost certainly his compatriot. Alex Corretja — was being sought last night. Meanwhile, Bjorkman plays Chang today to determine who joins Kafelnikov in the semi-finals.



Wilkinson concentrates as he plays a backhand on his way to victory over Milligan in the national championships

Mackin profits from masterclass

By ALIX RAMSAY

LEARNING can be a painful process, especially when it has to be done in public. Yesterday. Alan Mackin was neatly and ruthlessly beaten 6-0, 6-3 by Tim Henman in the second round of the Guardian Direct national championships at Telford in a match that was euphemistically described as a good learning experience for the young man

from Glasgow. Not that Mackin seemed too unnerved by the Henman masterclass. A spindly boy of 16, who still appears to be growing into his feet, he has encountered the British No 2 before. Mackin was one of the young hopefuls taken to Florida earlier this year for the first

of Jeremy Bates's tennis camps. There he practised and trained with Henman. played football with him in the quieter moments and came home mightily im-

"Tim is a great guy, he handles bimself very well, he's confident, he never seems worried," Mackin said. Not that Henman had much to worry about in the first set as it whistled by in just 16 minutes. Henman had more trouble getting through the autograph hunters as he made his way off court.

"I struggled with the pace in the first set," Mackin said, "but I expected that to happen. I just got my head down and went for it more in the

Henman was equally complimentary about his young opponent, praising the overall standard of his game. "He's got all the shots and a very good basis to work from," he said. "Once he settled into his game he started constructing

some good points. That's

what he has got to do now,

point after point." As for the long-term effect of such a drubbing, both men thought it would be a useful milestone in Mackin's career. The loser felt that he had learnt much in a very short space of time, while the victor harked back to his early days

in Telford. "I remember the first time I played Jeremy [Bates] and lost to him," Henman said. "It was a big occasion for me and

I learnt from it. It's important for Alan to learn to deal with situations like this. The higher he moves in the game the bigger occasions he will have to face."

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Chris Wilkinson moved smoothly through, beating Luke Milligan 6-2, 6-2 in the third round.

The women moved towards their big occasion as the semi-fihal places were decided. Sam Smith moved purposefully past Claire Carter 6-4, 6-4 and today will play Loma Woodroffe, who beat Lizzie Jelfs 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 after a slow start. Karen Cross, the No 2 seed, fell by the wayside, losing to Kate Warne-Holland 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

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Swedish Match makes best of conditions

SAILING: With around 3,400 miles still to sail to Fremande, Swedish Match, skippered by Gunnar Krantz, leads the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race across the Southern Ocean from Innovation Kvaerner by 190 miles. Swedish Match has passed 20 miles to the north of Prince Edward Island and is again enjoying the best racing conditions, with an average speed of 18.1 knots and bursts of

Behind the leaders, the mid-fleet battle remains remarkably close, with just 28 miles separating BrunelSunergy, in fourth place, from Chessie Racing, in eighth. Still in among the pack is Silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith. The Briton and him arrange the silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith. Briton and his crew were in seventh position last night but with designs to recover fourth place at least.

Meeting of champions

■ BOXING: Lennox Lewis' mandatory World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title defence against Zeljko Mayrovic, the European champion, was confirmed yesterday. Lewis must meet the German-based, London-trained Croatian before the end of July, the WBC ruled. Before then, Lewis will be aiming his sights much higher a unification match with Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, from the United States. Negotiations are taking place to try to make that meeting happen next year, possibly in April.

Curtis off as England lose

TOTALL: John Curtis, the Manchester United defender, was sent off for serious foul play in the ninetieth minute as England lost the first leg of their European under-21 championship play-off with Greece at Iraklion, Crete, last night. Despite sustained pressure, England succeeded in keeping the Greeks out until the 78th minute, when Traianos Dellas put the home side in front. Nikos Liberopoulos then condemned England to an uphill struggle at Carrow Road in the second leg on December 17 by adding a last-minute penalty for a 2-0 final score.

Botham joins Cardiff

Botham, right, son of lan, the former England cricket player, has joined Cardiff, the Welsh Cup holders, from West Hartlepool. The 20-yearold centre was signed after playing in two friendly matches for the club. Peter Manning, the Cardiff manager, said: "He has a good attitude and is a very determined, competitive person who wants to make it as a professional rugby player."



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Pay dispute rumbles on

E CRICKET: Players' representatives put a revised pay claim to the Australian Cricket Board yesterday as the dispute appeared set to continue. Tim May, president of the Australian Cricketers' Association, whose organisation represents about 120 professionals, and Mai Speed, the ACB chief executive refused to give details of the new claim. Strike action remains a possibility:

Time to make a splash

SWELLEING: Graeme Smith and James Hickman, of Stockport, aim to put their disappointing summer behind them today when they start the new season at the Speedo British Grand Prix in Leicester. Smith, the Olympic bronze medal winner, drew a blank at the European Championships in Seville, while Hickman, the world short-course champion, had to pull out of the event because of illness.

SNOOKER

Blair asked to lift sponsorship threat

TONY BLAIR and William Hague have been invited to the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom Championship as the governing body intensifies its battle to retain tobacco sponsorship.
Jim Mackenzie, the chief

executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), is pressing for talks with the Prime Minister at the earliest possible date after Mr Blair declared, during Prime Minster's Questions on Wednesday, that he was willing to

attend such a meeting Mackenzie believes that the controversial exemption received by Formula One from the proposed tobacco sponsorship ban has indirectly strengthened the case for snooker enjoying similar

concessions.
In a letter to Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister. Mackenzie said: "It is grossly unfair that the strength of the powerful lobby should prevail over the reasoned argument of less well-funded sports.

"Without tobacco sponsorship there would be fewer competitions televised: Without exposure on television, participation will drop dra-matically. That will have an immediate impact upon the thousands of dedicated snooker clubs within the UK and on those companies who supply products and services into the industry."

Mackenzie also said that if, in future. Embassy or indeed any other tobacco company, were prevented from sponsoring the world championship which next year will boast a record prize-fund of £1.32 million -- it could force the event to be staged elsewhere.

"Our world championship is totally sponsored by tobacco

and in the absence of that continuing support we may have to submit to pressure to stage it overseas where tobacco restrictions are more relaxed," Mackenzie said, adding: "The UK viewing figures for a major tournament can reach ten million. substantially more than motor racing."

The one issue beyond debate is that snooker would be badly damaged by tobacco sponsorship becoming illegal Ignor-ing ancillary income, including that from television. tobacco will provide £2.6 mil-



Ebdon: young opponent

lion of total prize-money of £4.9 million this season. David Gray, 18, will provide youthful opposition for Peter Ebdon in the second round of the UK championship after recovering from 3-0 down to beat Graeme Dott, of Scotland, 6-5 at Preston Guild Hall yesterday. Jamie Burnett, who beat Stephen Hendry in the Grand Prix last month, also advanced with a comfortable 6-1 victory over Craig MacGillivray, while Jon Birch, of Middlesbrough, had breaks of 83 and 88 during a

6-0 whitewash of Mark Gray.

SQUASH

Exhaustion takes grip on players

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KUALA LUMPUR

THE home nations were feeling the effects of the past 12 days as they entered the semifinal stage of the men's world team championship here. Foilowing on so closely after the world open championship, this event has failed to inspire the players, some of whom have complained of being exhausted.

England, the No I seeds and defending champions, beat Finland 3-0 but appear to have lost the services of their second string, Peter Marshall, who seems to have failed to recover from his efforts in reaching the semi-finals of the world open after his recuperation from chronic fatigue syndrome. England will play Australia in the semi-finals today, while Egypt take on

Chris Walker, the England captain, said: "We are all beaten up in one way or another from last week's world open. This is the world team event and we are sleepwalking into the semi-finals. Alex Gough, the first Weish-

man to reach a world open semi-final last week, has yet to win at first string for his country in the team event. Yesterday he lost to Derek Ryan, of Ireland, but Wales prevailed to stay in the playoffs for ninth place. treland go in to the play-offs

for thirteenth place alongside Scotland, who are led by Martin Heath since Peter Nicol flew home after his defeat in the final of the world open. Heath, however, has failed to recapture the winning form he showed in the opening rubber against Argentina. and suffered again yesterday as Scotland lost to New

RUGBY UNION: NEW ZEALAND ARE ON A MISSION TO SPREAD THE WORD ACCORDING TO JOHN HART

Ireland will need divine intervention

The arrival of the All Blacks in Dublin yesterday attracted more

than the usual sense of religious fervour, Mark Souster writes

IT WAS no coincidence that the Roman Catholic Church launched a campaign yesterday to attract recruits to the priesthood in Dublin to coincide with the arrival of the New Zealand rugby union party. The Church's vocational awareness programme is built around the theme of "Men in Black". Posters abound, asking "Who are the real men in black?" in a rugby sense, Ireland will find out

tomorrow. Priests mingled with players at the New Zealand press conference and Sean Fitzpatrick and Ian Jones posed happily for photographers. It was guaranteed exposure for the Church and showed commendable foresight by the Dublin diocese. Father Damian Farnon joked that the All Blacks would score the tries while the clergy would

attempt the conversions. The mood was far from black.

Not that the Irish public needs much converting. The religious fervour with which the New Zealanders have been greeted suggests that their aura is as strong as ever. New Zealand are on a mission to take the game to a higher plane. John Hart, the

coach, is helping to spread the rugby word with an evangelical zeal. With two of his disciples. Fitzpatrick, the iniured captain, and Justin Marshall, his temporary replacement. Hart delivered a sermon, ranging from New Zealand's chances in the first Test, to the state of the game worldwide and a call for a

global season. The present ten-month season was unsustainable, he said.

"The big challenge is to ensure that we don't let the quantity or the dollar dominate the decision-making," Hart said. "Certainly, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union has been very forth-coming in discussions to protect the game. Next year we have seven or eight tests, while this year we're playing

"It is not the number of tests necessarily that will kill players, but the frequency. What we and England are undertaking this autumn is unsustainable. You need gaps between internationals. It is

crucial we get balance. That is one of the great challenges for the international board — to show vision and leadership regarding the structure of the international programme, to ensure we maintain quality and deliver a quality product.

"We have to have a global structure, harmonise the European Cup and Super-12 at provincial level, and the five nations' and the trinations' series at international level, with the wirmers playing each other. It means a radical shift in the season's structure. That is the challenge, rather than forcing more competitions on us." As far as more immediate matters were concerned, Hart

Sutton Coldfield clarify

his squad, which had left New Zealand amid some criticism, had begun the tour in fine form, but he stressed that Ireland would not be underestimated and that talk of a 100-point Irish defeat was insulting.
The decision to omit Josh

Kronfeld after 18 consecutive tests had been hard, but the Otago open side had looked rusty after a six-week absence because of injury. He has been replaced by Andrew Blowers. Hart said Jonah Lomu

might challenge for an international spot later in the tour, but cautioned: "Jonah is not quite ready yet and there is no way we are rushing him."

Even without Lomu, one is left feeling that Ireland will still need a miracle to defeat the All Blacks.

HOCKEY: BUSY WEEKEND OF LEAGUE AND EHA CUP MATCHES WILL TEST THE METTLE OF MEN AND WOMEN

England players return to bolster their clubs' hopes

By Sydney Friskin

TEDDINGTON and Reading, winners and runners-up respectively in the men's EHA Cup last season, will be fighting for survival in the fourth round on Sunday.

Teddington visit Southgate for what promises to be the showpiece of the day. When the teams met in the league at Trent Park last month, Southgate won 7-2, but Teddington were without six leading players. Their outlook is sharper and their confidence has been restored by the return from injury of Hauck to the front line.

Southgate are at full strength with Waugh, the defender, and Woods and Simons, both forwards, back from England's successful trip to Cairo. East Grinstead take on Reading at

Saint Hill in another meeting of

premier division clubs. Stuart Head,

despite his back trouble, is expected to play for East Grinstead, whose front line will again depend on Bhatti and Gibson. Their firepower will be

matched by Pearn and Ashdown. Cannock, at home to Harlestone Magpies, welcome back Kalbir Takher, the former England centre half, after an ankle injury. Much interest will be focused on Mayer, Humphrey and Crutchley, all Cannock players, who combined for England's opening goal against Egypt

after only eight seconds last Sunday. Owen Jones, Williamson and Bolland have recovered from injury for Hounslow's home match against Surbiton, who are still without the injured Elmett and Constable. In premier division matches tomor-

row, Cannock travel to East

Grinstead, and Southgate visit bot-

tom of the table Guildford.

RETAINING their place in the Premiership is more important to Sutton Coldfield than winning the women's EHA Cup, Jane Sixsmith, the captain, said yesterday. Sixsmith readily admits that her team have underachieved in the league and stressed that after a shaky start to this season

By Cathy Harris

their main objective is to remain in the Sutton Coldfield face Ipswich, lying second behind Slough, in the league tomorrow and again in a third-round cup tie on Sunday.

The England and Great Britain striker said: "We had a good spell about six years ago and used to be talked about as contenders for the title. Now, nobody mentions us. It's a tough double-header, but a good run in the league is far more important than the

priorities for the season cup, although we'd obviously love to go through to the next round." With only eight teams in the league, there is little margin for error. "There's no way any team can challenge Slough," Sixsmith said. "We may as well have a trophy for the rest."

Sutton Coldfield's task will be helped by the absence of four Ipswich players tomorrow. Lucy Youngs, the captain, and Collect Adcock are injured, and Debbie Rawlinson and Kirsten Spencer are unavailable because of business: commitments. However, Rawlinson and Spencer will return on Sunday.

Doncaster, who face Clifton, are bottom of the table, like the local football club - Doncaster Town, in the Nationwide League third division. - and Ray Allen, the manager, said: "There's no gloomy talk here, but we definitely need a much-improved team performance against Clifton."

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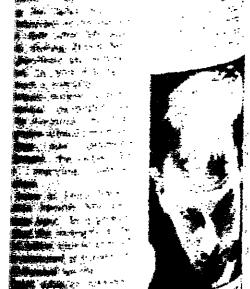
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Given and Ireland hope to put the jokes behind them

WITH so much stake when Ireland take on Belgium here tomorrow night for a place in the World Cup finals, it is as well the frivolity should be disposed of first. When the ireland party arrived in the Belgian capital yesterday, serious questions were being asked but few were answered. Instead, matters ranged from peripheral to the absurd.

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, is rarely given to overt displays of humour. A wry grin is as much as he can usually muster. Yet even he chuckled when it was pointed out that he bore an uncanny resemblance to the late King

Baudouin of Belgium. "Look at the face on the 20franc coin," he was urged. McCarthy laughed "I just hope he is a good-looking fella," he replied.

That Ireland play the second leg of their qualifying play-off in the King Baudouin Stadium is seen as a lucky omen by the Ireland supporters, who will ciutch at any-thing as a sign that a third successive appearance in the World Cup finals is nigh.

Many of the anticipated 9,000-strong following have begun to drift in from Dublin. They should be well catered for in a city that includes O'Reilly's, O'Neill's and Kitty O'Shea's among its multitude of watering holes. Local authorities have given

warning that there are no tickets available for purchase by away fans, but this has not stopped some of the more ingenious among the 8,000 Irish from having a go. "They have used every dodge pos-sible." John McNera, the manager of the Wild Geese bar, said. "You'd be amazed how many Van der Murphys and Van der Kellys are now living here. All second-genera-tion Irish of course, with Belgian mothers." Apparently, nobody has yet tried Hertz

van Rental Ahead of the serious stuff,

Atkinson's folly is in the past, fans claim

By JOHN GOODBODY

confirmed as the manager of Sheffield Wednesday today, and the club's supporters appear to have agreed to forgive and forget abusing him as a "Judas" when he walked out of Hillsborough six years ago to join Aston

Rita Nettleship, the secre-tary of the Wednesday supporters' club, said yesterday that it was a "positive step" to appoint Atkinson. "Most fans will welcome him back," she

When Atkinson returned to

Hillsborough with Villa dur-ing the 1991-92 season, he had to be given police protection. Atkinson succeeds David Pleat and the League Manag. ers Association (LMA), said yesterday that it wanted to redefine the role of a manager after recent sackings. Over-

RON ATKINSON will be seas clubs are being surveyed by the LMA as it attempts to find ways of easing the pressure of financial affairs. Harry Redknapp, the West

Ham United manager, has abandoned an attempt to sign Guiseppe Signori, of Lazio, on loan because the player's wage demands were too high. Redknapp had hoped to secure the 31-year-old striker until the end of the season, but was foiled by his terms -

believed to be £800,000.

Swansea City were in disarray on the eve of their FA Cup first-round tie against Peter-borough United at the Vetch Field tonight. Eight first-team players who have been transfer listed by Alan Cork, the manager, want talks with Steve Hamer, the chairman of the Nationwide League third division side, to express their anger at Cork's actions.

the players have had their moments too. Tony Cascarino, the AS Nancy striker, reflected on how a passport-thieving pickpocket had caused him untold grief as he tried to make his French connection at Charles de Gaulle airport. Shay Given, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, admitted to feeling like a pantomime star after his blunder in the FA Carling Premiership match against Coventry City

last weekend, when Dion Dublin nipped in from behind, dispossessed him and scored. Given's Ireland teammates - 'He's behind you, Shay, he's behind you" - have not let him forget it.
This probably means I will appear on every What happened next? sequence for the rest of my life," Given said. "It

was totally my fault, it was my

mistake and I will have to live with it. I suppose even I can see the funny side of it now." Amid the frippery though, the tension is not far from the surface. McCarthy's mood later changed from one of genial-ity to tetchiness, especially when it was suggested that Belgium had had enough chances to have secured more than the I-I draw in the first leg at Lansdowne Road last month. "I am not having that,"

he said, rounding on the interviewer who had clearly watched a different game. When a Belgian pressman mentioned the threat of Luc Nilis, the PSV Eindhoven striker, McCarthy regained his jovial thread. Asked if Given was having nightmares about Nilis, having twice conceded goals to him while playing for club and country during the past fortnight, Mc-Carthy said: "I don't know. I

don't sleep with Shav." It is no more than a mask. guaranteed to disguise the magnitude of the task ahead, yet a few salient facts did eventually filter through. Ray Houghton is fit and should play; Terry Phelan is not and will not. Lee Carsley is likely to man-mark Nilis; Cascarino might play alone up front. It is a guessing game, all good fun again, but it carmot last.



Poor review delights Scots

THE Scotland football team are among the few performers who will ever cherish a bad review. The criticisms came from Zinedine Zidane, the most glamorous member of a France side that scrambled a 2-1 victory over Craig Brown's men in Saint-Etienne on

Wednesday. He spoke with the frustration of a sportsman who knew that his talent had been all but nullified. "Scotland didn't play at all," he said. "All they did was get men behind the ball. This wasn't a competitive match and it was a real shame that they didn't try to make it a bit more entertaining."

Brown, the Scotland manager, thought that Zidane's complaint should be treated as glowing testimonial to Billy McKinlay, who closed the Frenchman out of the game for long spells. There was absurdity: too, in hearing a nerson who works in Serie A profess himself aghast at the idea of close marking.

By Kevin McCarra

Zidane, of Juventus, demeaned himself with the silly complaint that Scotland had been uncooperative. His countrymen will be unsympathetic, having booed France from the field in the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium. Zidane's team did take the lead, through Pierre Laigle, but Scotland equalised a few seconds later when a move of rapid passes ended with Gordon Durie's emphatic finish.

France's winner, in the 77th minute, was a penalty converted by Youri Djorkaeff, a substitute, after Laigle had been fouled by Craig Burley. By then, Durie had missed two fine chances for a Scotland side that devised better opportunities than opponents whose style was convoluted and ineffective. The visitors had only the result to regret.

"When it was I-l at half-time we told the players in the dressing-room that we didn't

want them coming back in with a hard-luck story, but in the end that was exactly what happened," Brown said. The manager's words achieved a fine balance between sympathy and exasperation, because he knows that Scotland were capable of a better result.

He was pleased by the performance in central de-fence of David Weir and glad to give Man Ellion, of Leicester City, the debut, as a substitute, that ties him to Scotland. Nonetheless, the pragmatic satisfactions did not prevent Brown from being rucful over the lingering deference of his team.

He believes that Scotland began poorly because they were hindered by regard for the reputations of the French players. The failure to snatch any of the opportunities in the second half may also have stemmed from inhibition. Defeated though they were, Scotland learnt that they ought to

Morris refuses to let isolation cramp his style

t is easy to think of King's Lynn as a footballing backwater. Out on the western edge of Norfolk where the Great Ouse runs into The Wash, it is so far off the beaten track that some of their players face round trips of 200 miles and more just for the home

Some backwaters run deep, however. Behind the rustic façade lies a proud FA Cup tradition that they are hoping to revive when they face Bromsgrove Rovers in the first round proper That they have got this far

is a triumph in itself. Three

years ago, the East Anglian outpost was in danger of disappearing altogether.
The dub was more than £30,000 in debt and the capacity of the main stand was nil because it did not conform to safety standards. "We were within hours of closing down completely," John Scales, a local businessman, said as he recalled how he became chairman almost by mistake". A new company was formed, there

was a share issue among the directors and the few supporters, King's Lynn bor-ough council helped with decent squads." the safety work and granted a new 20-year lease -- and the club, formed in 1879, was

appointing Peter Morris, a midfield player for Mansfield Town, Ipswich Town and Norwich City, as manager, and the club has not looked back. In his first season, King's

Lynn were promoted from the midland division of the Dr Martens League. Last



has found. "People may not realise it but King's Lynn is a real football town." he said. "The past two years.

is that we are a bit out on a limb when it comes to attracting players, but I've been able to build three Tony Spearing, 33, a cen-

gyle and Peterborough, is Scales played what he far and away the most calls his "masterstroke" by experienced at 33; the rest, who have dropped out of the Football League to take jobs ranging from postman to turkey farmer, have an average age of 22. Morris does not work

them too hard because of all the travelling they have to do - "you don't want to leave their legs in the car," he said — as they prepare to extend a tradition of Cup success, the peak of which came in 1961-62 when they got to the third round before losing 4-0 to Everton in front of a crowd of almost 45,000 at Goodison Park.

For the moment, however, victory over Bromsgrove, in front of a capacity crowd 3,000 at The Walks, will be enough to let everyone know that they are still on the

PAT GIBSON

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the last couple of Refreshers I have discussing game tries after an opening of One of Major has been raised to Two. Today I look at the situation when opener has raised responder's suit, in a sequence like this: $1 \stackrel{?}{=} -1 \stackrel{?}{=} -2 \stackrel{?}{=}$.

If responder's hand is balanced the sequence is parallel to that of an opening One No-Trump. If you would make a game try if partner had opened a weak no-trump, then you should make a

When the hand is more distributional such a straightforward rule is not possible. Tony Forrester in his book Secrets of Success introduces a Rule of 19 to help you decide. What you should do is add your point count to the combined length of your two longest suits. If the total is 19 the hand is probably worth a game try, otherwise it is not After the same are 1 - 1 - 2 * the following. otherwise it is not. After the sequence: 1 4-1 ▼-2 ▼, the following hands are worth a game try:

(I) +K5 TAQ1097 +J973 +82 . (2) ±0107 ♥K10843 +Q92 ±A4

+J5 ♥KQ432 +K9 +Q432

#AK43 ▼Q86432 +2 #88

These hands are worth tries of Three Diamonds, Two No-Trumps, Three Clubs and Two Spades respectively, and indeed many players who had not heard of the Rule of 19 would make

But the following hand:

(5) +Q5 +Q8432 +Q643 +KJ

should give up because (a) its intermediates are terrible. (b) it has no ace and (c) it has no singleton.

Forrester recommends a further adjustment according to the

degree of fit for the suit partner opened. He suggests deducting a point when holding a singleton in partner's suit and adding a point with three cards or more. The rules for partner's acceptance of the Trial Bid are the same as we have seen before. With a maximum you should always accept unless you have a really dreadful holding in the trial suit.

Otherwise you need some plus feature, either in terms of controls or trump length/strength of your own or in terms of useful cards in partner's help suit. If you have only three-card support, no fitting honours in his help suit and less than a maximum in high cards then you should sign off.

☐ Tony Forrester's Secrets of Success is available from all good bookshops or direct from the publisher. B T Batsford, on 01376 321276, price £9.99 (plus £1 p&p).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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c. A person of mixed race

a. Cannabis b. Seaweed

a. A green pasta b. A style of impasto painting c. A snow ridge a. A blizzard b. A Roman Catholic vestment c. A novice

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Britain's Best

Although Nigel Short held his own, scoring 50%, on top board for England in the

recently concluded World Team Championship, some believe that both Michael Adbelieve that both Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler, the co-British champions, will soon be challenging for the top spot in the UK rankings.

Already, they have inched slightly ahead of Short in the most recent World Chess Federation rating list.

Michael Adams is a rare example of a young player whose preferences are more or

whose preferences are more or whose preferences are more or less entirely strategic. He has an extraordinarily line feel for the elicitest preficult edge. the slightest positional edge, and rarely takes risks unless he has to. His ability to squeeze out a win for a minute endgame advantage is well established as a hallmark of his style. Today's game, after some middlegame complications, witnesses a finely honed endgame performance in which his passed pawn ultimately proves decisive.

White Maia Chiburdanidze Black: Michael Adams World Team Championship.

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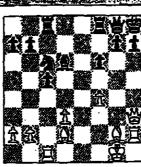
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section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

a variation from the game Reti - Havasi, Budapest 1926. Black is two pawns ahead and appears to have all points well protected against a white attack. However, after White's

next move he has to resign. Solution on page 50



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CUP season they finished fifth in

the premier division and the top six and challenging for promotion to the Vauxhall Conference. Even Morris - who has seen most things in football

as player-manager of Mansfield, manager of Peterbor ough United and Kettering Town, assistant manager a Newcastle United and Northampton Town and coach in Saudi Arabia - has been impressed by what he

stadium has been improved to Conference standard and our gates have averaged more than 1,000 over the "The only slight problem

tral defender who has played for Norwich, Leicester City, Plymouth Ar-

GOLF

Westwood's emotional

rescue

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN IT WAS a bad day for Nick

Price, who did not hit a shot in anger, but an excellent start for the European Ryder Cup quartet of Lee Westwood, Darren Clarke, José María Olazabal and Costantino Rocca, who were 14 under par between them after the first round of the 25th Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters at Gotemba, near Tokyo, yester-

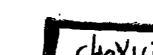
day. Westwood, the defending champion, who had started at the 10th, rescued himself from a gloomy outward half of 38. two over par, by coming home in 30 with five consecutive birdies to finish. I was despairing," Westwood, a preter-naturally imperturbable young man, said. "I kicked the

It is Westwood's unflappa-ble, Ernie Els-like tempera-

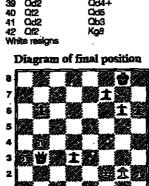
At the 1st, Westwood chipped in for a birdie three. He missed chances at the next three holes but the birdie flourish to finish - the putts ranged from 35 feet to three put him firmly in contention, alongside Clarke on 68, one shot behind Olazabal and two behind the leading trio of Yoshinori Mizumaki, Hiroshi Yamamoto (22 putts) and Peter

McWhinney, of Australia. Neither Olazábal nor Clarke, who feared he might score 80 as he sprayed the ball everywhere on the practice ground, dropped a shot, while Rocca dropped two in a round

US PGA champion from Zimbahwe, was stymied by a recurrence of the rib injury







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White to play. This position is

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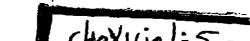
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putter on the front nine and that's not good."

ment that is his great strength and Andrew Chandler, his manager, is not the only one to predict great things for him because of it. "Lee's technique and talent are catching upwith his attitude." Chandler said, and he's going to get better and better."

Price, the former Open and

that put him on the sidelines during the Alfred Dunhill Cup that was held at at St Andrews last month.



On a wing and a prayer

Christopher Irvine

reports on the man

who holds the key to Great Britain's hopes

ext to the South Leeds Stadium, where Great Britain have prepared this week for their final encounter with Australia on Sunday, is the field where Jason Robinson would run about with a rugby ball and imagine. The skills that adorn one of the most accomplished and thrilling players of his generation were first formulated to the accompanying roar of the Ml.

A whirling dervish even in those days, Robinson was spotted by Eric Hawley running everyone else ragged for the Hunslet Parkside amateur club. The Wigan scout in Leeds never dreamt that he would discover another Ellery Hanley. "It was like dropping on a second four-leaf clover in the same field," Hawley once said.

Robinson, 23, still turns to Hawley for advice. It has been a curious week preparing for the third and decisive international against Australia at Elland Road on Sunday. It is the biggest match of his life, played in the area where he grew up and where his mother still lives. Rugby league offered an escape from daily drudgery. Leeds turned him down. Too unorthodox, they said, which is rather like saving that Ian Botham was too flash.

Wigan signed him on his seventeenth birthday. Two years later, he scored two tries on his Great Britain debut on the wing in a defeat of New Zealand at Wembley. A star was born, except that his sometimes surly reaction to the media became indicative of the arrogant swagger that he carried over from the pitch.

Robinson was fully aware of the clause in the contract he signed in 1995 with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), at the height of the Super League bidding war, which barred him from representing his country while playing out his contract at Wigan. An estimated £300,000 down-payment was Robinson's cue to make merry, which he did to excess. Mayhem inevitably followed and had it not been for Va'aiga Tuigamala, his former Wigan team-mate, he might have gone too far down the spiral. "Inga got me thinking," Robinson said. "He was at

"Happiness for him didn't come out of a bottle. There I was being stupid and selfish. Not only couldn't I cope with the money, I didn't like what it had turned me into."

Eight weeks living with a Christian group transformed Robinson's life and outlook. He was reconciled with his wife and has not touched an alcoholic drink for almost three years. He is a born-again talker, too, who discovered a sense of proportion along with his change in the pack is the first to perform a particular task and this is start pulling together, maybe others discovery of God. "When I say rugby's appearance after injury of Bran Clyste nothers the best team I can select." he said. will start to realise it."



Robinson is convinced that Great Britain can secure their first series victory over Australia for 27 years on Sunday

His conversion, four enjoyable

a job, I don't mean that I don't play to the best of my ability but, when I'm finished, it's family time. I need that

"Things don't bother me now. If someone smacks me on the pitch, why bother smacking them back? It'll be a penalty to us and possibly two points. I was wound up before. I think it would take something very bad for me to react now. Besides, I'm not a fighter . . . there are some big lads out there."

months spent playing rugby union in the West Country for Bath last year and his return to Wigan persuaded Robinson that Australia was not for him. He had been due to join the ARL last summer, but Wigan managed to extend his contract with them, and shortly before the series against Australia began the club's new owners negotiated his release and a new three-

Britain keep winning team

unchanged for the sold-out, deciding match of the British Gas series at Elland Road on Sunday, but Australia will give fitness tests to two of their backs, Brett Mullins and Ryan Girdler (Christopher Irvine writes).

Mullins burst a blood vessel in his.

leg in the Old Trafford defeat last Saturday, a match that Girdler missed because of a knee ligament problem. Girdler's return to the centre and resumption of the goalkicking role would mean Mullins switching to the right wing and Ken Nagas dropping down to the bench. The one definite

Australia's most experienced forward, who replaces Matt Adamson in the second row.

A mood of determination to maintain a 27-year dominance over Britain was summed up by Laurie Daley, the Australia captain. "It's sudden death, but the guys are pretty confident and we know the areas where we have to improve and will improve," he said.

James Lowes, the Britain hooker,

has recovered from a viral infection. Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, winning formula. "I select every team

"I had tried to push the ARL contract and all the dealings to the back of my mind and just concentrate on the rugby," Robinson said. "I'm not too bad watching on the sidelines but, if I'd missed out against Australia, I'm not sure it would have been that easy

A series victory against Australia, the first since 1970, would certainly represent a career highlight. There is little doubt that, as huge as the respect is for Andy Farrell, the Great Britain captain, it is Robinson's cutting edge in pace, his ability to skim the ground like low-trajectory missile and the fear that he puts in defences whenever he comes inside that can really fluster

"When we lost the deciding match at Elland Road last time [1994], we didn't have the self-belief," Robinson said. "If we play with the same intensity and commitment we did in winning at Old Trafford last week, eradicate the mistakes and show we've still got more to offer, we'll stop all this talk of 27 years since we last beat Australia.

The trouble with rugby league is that it's far too self-critical. It's the best game in the world. If we can win this series and everyone in the game can

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CHESS MOVE

Nature as a survivor

BBC2, 7_30pm

The latest series from the Open University to be offered for general consumption has as its theme some of the spectacular aspects of the natural world and attempts of scientists to make sense of when In future programmes we shall encounter volcances, meteorites and James Lovelock, originator of the Gaia theory. Tonight we visit the Arizona desert, where a vast glasshouse called Biosphere 2 attempts to replicate the Earth's ecosystems. For non-OU students, particularly there are the reserved to the control of th those not versed in the earth sciences, some of the explanation will be on the technical side. But the broad drift of the film, about the ability of nature to survive in variously controlled conditions, is accessible enough. And not just nature. We hear from Linda Leigh, one of the team of scientists who spent two years sealed inside the "ark", about their cometimes hair-raising experiences.

War Walks BBC2, 8.00pm

Returning for a second series, the military historian Richard Holmes visits more historic battlefields and talks us through some of the decisive conflicts in our national story. Few were more decisive than the Battle of Hastings, for if William of Normandy had lost, the course of English history might have been very different. Nor was the outcome assured. At one point, as Holmes makes clear, William's forces were in such disarray that defeat seemed inevitable. With few visual aids, apart from the Bayeux Tapestry, a recreation of a Saxon axe and footage of present-day Sussex, Holmes manages to produce a stirring narrative that is a tribute both to his enthusiastic presentation and deep knowledge lightly were. He presentation and deep knowledge lightly worn. He even takes to horse in order to demonstrate Norman cavalry techniques.

Julie Walters Is an Alien

ITV, 9.00pm For a variation of that well-tried format in which celebrines take on other people's jobs, Julie Walters travels to Miami. We first meet her as an ad hoc member of the police force, patrolling the beaches in a buggy and having a close encounter with an

Richard Holmes at Hastings (BBC2, 8.00pm)

elderly male nudist. "They don't have this at Weston-super-Mare," is her riposte, setting the scene for a non-stop repertoire of pulled faces and whispered asides to camera. Walters varies the there he include a milding a milding and milding a milding and milding and milding a milding as milding whispered asides to camera. Walters varies the theme by joining a wildlife patrol and milks for all they are worth expeditions to rescue a left python and a dangerous alligator. After that she turns estate agent and tries to sell overpriced properties to very rich people. The prices are so high that on one deal she stands to earn \$500,000 commission. But that could inter be another one But that could just be another gag.

The Fast Show BBC2 930pm

A new series brings new characters, but the cast is the same, and so, reassuringly for the show's admirers, is the humour. Fast is the word as sketch follows sketch, often barely waiting for a punchline. With so many items on offer, there are misses as well as hits, and some of the characterisations are derivative. Paul Whitehouse's attempt at an upper-class twit brings him very close to Terry-Thomas while Caroline Aherne's supermarket checkout girl could be a twin sister of Mrs Merton. At a rough estimate, the smut content is higher than in previous series but the Fast Show is by no means alone these days in mistaking rudery for wit. On the positive side there mistaking rudery for wit. On the positive side there is still much to enjoy, from a well-aimed dig at the pretensions of modern jazz to the football bore holding forth in his local.

Peter Waymark

should be no bar to dialogue and, anyway, radio discussion series have a habit of ending with attempts to deal with a question that is either too big or too silly. The fact that the question gets serious attention illustrates one of religions.

problems, its apparent paranoia. Nobody would dream of running a programme on Radio 5 Live called is Football Finished? yet perhaps someone should: far more people attend church in Britain than attend football matches.

Peter Barnard

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CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Alan Mann. Includes Morning Merch and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry's Classic Recipe is steamed ginger pudding. Plus, Classic Mesterpiece and Kelly's Club Sandwich 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane

Club Sandwich 1,00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerts. Sibelius (Volin Concerto in D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Rossini (Sonata No 3 for Strings in C) 8.00 Evening Concert. Elger (Froissert); Mozart (Phano Concerto No 21 in C); Copland (Appelachian Spring); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r) 4.00 Sally Settomore.

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Postscript Friends Who Disagree Growing Pains Radio 4. 10.00 am (FM only) Radio 3, 9.25pm The last in a series of religious dialogues. Tonight the Rev Angela Tilby, into in spirituality at Wescott House, Cambridge, discusses with the journalist Polly Toynbee the question "is religion linished?" This is a fairly dait question but that should be no lear to dialogue and any and in

The last of the series in which Sue Limb takes a light-hearted but by no means frivolous look at growing older, something that unfortunately we all have in common. Today she asks what kind of life the average 50-year-old can expect to be living in 50 years' time compared with the life experienced by people of that age half a century ago. I am not as sure as Limb that life will be all that different in 2047, at least I do not think it will be as different compared with now, as now is compared with 1947. But this kind of predictive programme is obviously a great deal of inn for the people making it, given that nobody will be knocking on their door in 50 years' time to demonstrate how wrong they

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoe Bail 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbest 2.00 Merk Redcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbest 6.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 9.00 Judgs Jules 11.00 Westwood: Redio 1 Rep Show 2.00am One in the Jungle 4.00 Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

8.00em Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 David Aaronovitch 1.30pm Detble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 8.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gragg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Kes 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Arts Programme 12.05am Charles Nove 4.00 Disne

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00em The Breaklast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide with Green's Sportstalk 8.30 Friday Sport with David Oates. Featuring Second half commentary on the FA Cup first round came between Swanssa and Paterborough 10.00 Pager Talk game between Swansaa and Paterborough 10.00 Paper 11.00 News Edra 12.00 After Hours 2.00mm Up All Night.

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00em Jeremy Clark 7.00 Lynn Parsons 10.00 (FM) Robin Banis: (AM) Graham Dene-1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ in Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00em Richard Potter

TALK RADIO

6.00cm On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Schumenn (Plano Quintet in E flat); Monteverd

6.30mm Bill Overton and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Mike

RADIO 3

The World Today 4.55 Of the Shelf

riage of Figaro); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in Norming Collection, with Peter Hobday, Mozart (Symphony No 27 in G); Chopin (Four Mazurkas); Roussel (Symphony No 4 in A) Roussel (Symphony No 4 in A) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chri Nussed Encounters, with Chris Wines. Schelbe (Sinfonta in D. Der Tempel des Ruhmes); Vagn Holmboe (Chember Concerto No. 4); Alkan

(1610 Vespers, Mos 1-4); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz Artist's Life); Haydn (Symphony No 6 in D, Le Matin): Mozart, arr Sartorius (Overture The

(Concerto for plano solo); Vitali (Capriccio Secondo); Nielsen (Symphony No 4, er of the Week Ligeti 1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Liferom St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Chris de Souzz introduces transcriptions, amangements

and alternative versions of original compositions. Coull Quartet, Allan Schiller, piano. Mozart (Adagio end Fugue in C minor; Violin Sonata in B flat; Plano Concerto in A)

2.00 The BBC Archive. Denis McCaldin talks to the Swiss musical philanthropist and conductor Paul Sacher. Music includes Frank Martin (Ballade); Vivaid (Flute Concerto No 3 in D. Goldfinon);

(Basie Concerto)
4.00 Music Restored. The Gabrieli Consort and

Sacrae Symphoniae, published 400 years ago (r) 4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty, Tonight's guest is the American conductor and Mathenan, Benjamin Zander. Music includes works by Albinoni and

ince on 3. A concert given on Saturday at the Edan Court Theetre, Inverness. Raphael Wallfisch, cello, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Osmo Vanska. Walton, an Mathieson (Suite Henry V): MacMillan (Cello Concerto, first broadcast); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish) Postscript: Priends Who Disserves. See Chol

res. Cello music by the great French ressionist. Includes *Papillion*. With Barry

Impressions: Incuces repeated vital party Snyder, plano Hear and Now. Sarah Walker Introduces music from recent concerts in Birminghern and at the Aldeburgh Festival. The performers are the City of Birmingham Youth Chorus and Birmingham Contemporary Music Group under Nicholas Kramer, and Ensemble Corrente under Stefan

Composer of the Week: Vaugher Williams (r) am Documenting the Blues. Paul Oliver discusses a neglected form of the blues called hokum (5/8)(r)

1.00 Through the Night, with Danald Macleod

5.55em (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10. Ferming Today 6.25 Preyer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parisment 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Depart teland Disca. Sus Lawley's castavay is the film director Anthony Minghelia (r) 9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunkley 10.00 (FM) News; Growing Pains. See Choice (3/3) 10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler 10.30 Wendy Austin

n's Hour. introduced by Wendy Austin tural History Programme. Presented Joenna Pinnock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark White

12.25pm The Food Programme. Derek Cooper examines the changes taking place at Dutchy Originals, the Prince of Wales's food company 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast,
2.00 News; Clasele Serfait Childhood's End, by
Arthur C. Clarke, adapted by Tony Mutholland.
With Staven Pacey and Peter Jettrey (2/2) (f)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope. Tim Marlow Visits an
exhibition of peintings reflecting the Victorians'
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6.30 Going Pieces. Devid Standra Visits Directly a largest collection of wallpaper, and a club for roller coester enthississis.
7.00 News 7.05 The Archere
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serie
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Directly is joined in Wrednam, North Wales, by Arm Clwyd, Labour MP for Cynon Valley. Howard Davies, head of the Financial Services Authority, Elizabeth France, the Data Protection Registrar; and the Journalist Borle Johnson

8.50 Line in Action. Mercel Berlins presents the legal magazine series. Dinah Lemminen asks if we are moving towards remote justice as more and more iocal megistrates' cours are being shut down
9.15 Letter from America, by Alisteir Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Fasture: Nutabilitie. The
playwight Frank McCulmess tells to Paul Allen
about his new play for the National Theatre in

about his new play for the National Theatre in-London (f)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

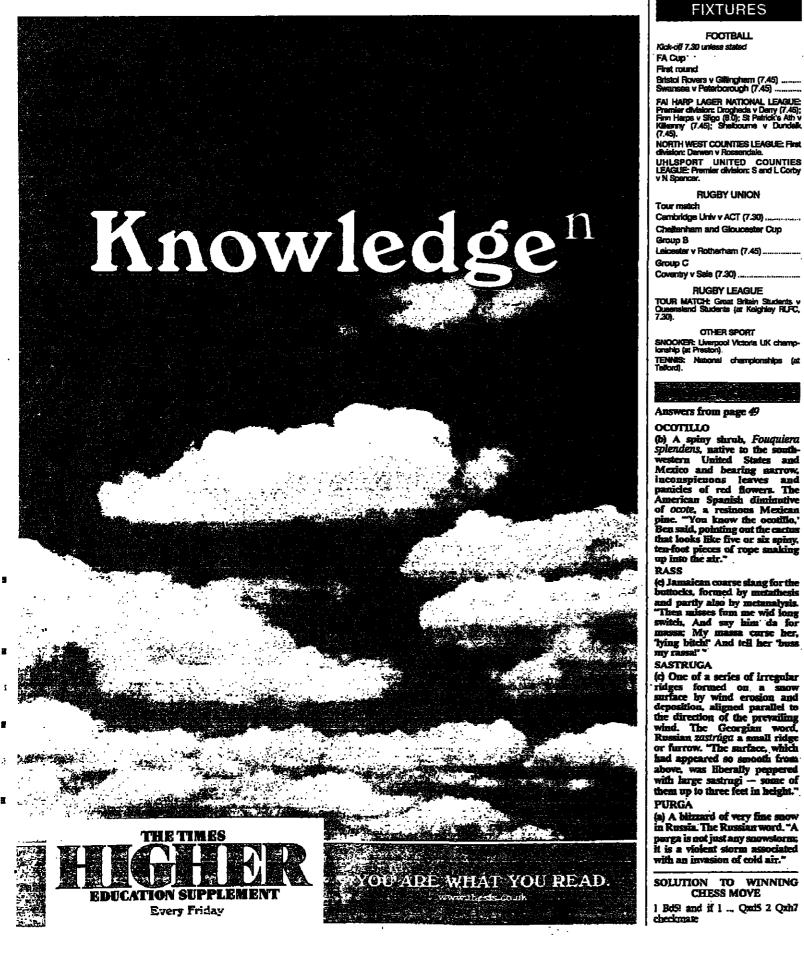
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood In. Written and read by Alen Bennett (5/7)

11.00 Week Ending. The satirical review of the week with Sally Grace, Jon Glover, Dave Lamb and Serah Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. A scieweys look at the week 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00 News 12.30em The Late Book: Punny Boy. Geov Pilai concludes Shylam Selvadural's story

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rebels agree A case of sibling rivalry? No, brotherly love scept offer

A ny old theatrical dynasty can knock off a King Lear, any gathering of Richardsons or Cusacks (but not Mc-Ganns) deliver a decent Three Sisters. But it takes a real class family act to bring you ... ahem. Thief Takers (ITV), which last night starred Abigail and Samantha Bond and is now reviewed, as fate and strict rotation would have it, by me, their brother.

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Anyone who finds the prospect too incestuous or expects anything is investment in the way of objectivity for the next few paragraphs should skip straight to the next big capital letter. I can't promise to have finished by then but — if it's any encouragement — you'll be much closer to our next subject, Kylie Minogue with no clothes on. It's all

happening today, isn't it? But back to last night, where the greatest relief of all was that neither of these talented and extraordinarily beautiful actresses

glamorous Hollywood film star looked almost dowdy in comparison) did anything rude. They were rude to each other, but as they were playing sisters that was fine - they're used to that. But the important thing, at least for a brother, is that neither of them did

anything really rude. By contrast,

my heart went out to the nearest

and dearest of Ms Minogue.

Except, perhaps, Dannii. If ever there was a night where it might be a help to have an episode reviewed by a close relative, this was probably it. Because this was a very curious Thief Takers indeed. This (and here I put, if not my life then certainly my Christ-mas presents on the line) was the funny one. Wasn't it?

started conventionally enough. Tarty redhead in very short skirt (oh God, it's Abigail) trashes house and wardrobe of presumed former lover and then blows up his

diamond robbery is thwarted by the arrival of our intrepid Flying Squad. You didn't need to be a sibling to know that it was "link

Tony Jordan, the writer, eventually got there rather well but the route he chose was certainly eccentric. I mean, when did you last see a heavily pregnant, strawberry blonde (Samantha) walk into Mothercare armed with a pump-action shotgun and ask for the newborn section. "No yellows, just pinks and blues," she ordered. "Now fill the bag." Those seasons at the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany had clearly not been wasted. Sorry, not quite finished vet Despite having shot a security guard. Carol (Samantha) desided that a life of crime was fee her, which suited Lorraine (Abigail), now clad in ankle-length for as

well as the mini-skirt, perfectly. As

Matthew

Bond

she would memorably put it later. "All I did was move you out of nappies and into diamonds." Ah. later - that, you see, was after it had all gone horribly wrong for this latter-day Bonny and Bonny. With two fur coats but only one shotgun between they raided the City jeweller's shop owned by Lorraine's "ex", who conve-niently was also the man behind

the recent spate of diamond rob-

sophisticated alarm system that locked the sisters in, allowing Abigail to do some rather frightening shotgun acting and Samantha to do her oh-my-God-Im-about-togive-birth acting.

She eventually did so, on one of

the mink coats (now there's a challenge for a dry cleaner) but not before she'd gone right off her sister: You've only got one talent and I'd say your chances of sleeping your way out of here were pretty remote." Later, in the warm afterglow of becoming mother and auntie, they kissed, made up...and promised to be much nicer to their brother in future.

Sorry, took longer than I thought Anyway, Kylle with her kit off in Expanding Pletares (BBCZ). Bit of a disappointment at her most gamine, back turned coyly, arm placed strategically. lips minning the last known record-

about exploring new ways of looking at the world but, on the evidence of the first two films, Sam Taylor Wood's Misfit with Minogue and Gillian Wearing's 2 into I, featuring a mother and twin sons, it's equally about performers practising their lip-synching. Still, they're short (the films and the performers) and quite striking; so why

arlier in the evening, the latest round of the battle of the docu-soaps began with Holiday Reps (BBCl) going out directly against Dover (TTV). Once again, it's a battle that the BBC looks certain to win, despite the fact that the United resort representatives have already been the basis of a Back to the Floor documentary this autumn. Those blue polyester blazers were back.

Anything with lots of sunshine is bound to have the edge in the mixed up with a hint of sex (so far. more talked about than done). heaps of embarrassment and, last night at least, one genuine disaster, what chance does a fly-onthe-dreary-harbour-wall of the port of Dover have? Sadly, not

It is sad, because Dover is the far more honest series. While Holiday Reps thinks nothing of leaving a camera crew with the 17-year-old who is house-sitting while his parents go off for a week in Lanzarote ("no Mum - no parties, no drinking, no women"), Dover rather touchingly places its faith in real life.

The yachts didn't sink in the storm: Scooby, the sniffer dog. didn't find any drugs, and the one slightly angry passenger eventually settled for the midnight ferry. Mind you, if the sisters cut up rough, that could be my way out.

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6.00am Business Breekfast (35207) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (50527) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (5615998) 9.25 Style Challenge (5627733) 9.25 Style Change (1) (4972725)

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10.30 Change That (3280527) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (1) (7912337)

Chektenham is given a new lease of file by Simon Blagi and the experts (1815658)

12.00 News (1) regional news and weather 11.35 Real Rooms A Georgian bathroom in 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8163527)

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3.30 Playdays (r) (8268801) 3.50 Dear Mr Barker (3978240) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (T) (5404191) 4.10 Casper (5816789) 4.35 Record Breakers (T) 1. (1882801) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5523424) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (9474424)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (983153) 6.00 News (T) and weather (559) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (1) (\$11) -- 7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson The consumer crusaders blow the whistle on more dodgy dealers and scame in the leisure industry (T) (4630)

21 (rerran 7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (795) 8.00 EastEnders Nigel finally finds out what has been troubling Clare. (T) (6578)

8.30 999 Lifesavers Personal tales of triumph in the face of adversity, including a rider whose horse collapsed on top of her, leaving her trapped and unable to

9,00 News (1); regional news and weather

9.30 The Haunting of Lisa (1995) Thriller staming Cheryl Ladd, Duncan Regelir and Aemilia Robinson, A woman whose daughter experiences terrifying visions finds that a sinister recent arrivel in town is planning a murder spree. Directed by Don McBrearty (T) (37240) WALES: Setellite City, Last in the comedy series (80085) 10.60 FILM: The Haunting of Lisa (51341849) 12.20am Fil M: Doctor In Weather (6520459) 2.65 Join BBC News 24 (3193554)

11,00 Full Circle with Michael Palin (r) (1)

in his last appearance as the amorous medic Simon Spanning remarks problems, only to be given the responsibility of playing. Cupid for his pompous boss James Robertson Justice. Directed by Reliph Thomas (430952)

1.30 am Weather (9408554) 1.35 Join BBC News 24 (5671134)

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Adventures (r) (2360849) 8.05 Smart (r)
(T) (2940645) 8.30 William's Wish
Wellingtons (9744998) 8.35 Wishing (r)

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(4631172) 8.45 The Record (9636627) 9.10 Music Makers (2230559) 9.30 Watch (4529801) 9.45 Come Outside (4523356) 10.00 Teletubbies (92917) 10.30 Look and Read (2445801) 10.50 The Art. (2432337) 11.10 Lendmerks (1) (1658288) 11.30 English File (6172) 12.00 Scene (1) (71849)

12.30pm Working Lunch (91191) 1.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (64348658) 1.05 Pingu (r) (65798199) 1.10 The Art and Artiques Hour (6466240)

2.10 Tennis Coverage of the quarter finals of the Guardian Direct National hampionships from Telford (913733)

4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (424) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1881172) 4.55 Eather (9638627) 5.30 Today's the Day (288) 6.00 The Simpsons Bart and Lisa take an aptitude test at school (T) (205795) 6.20 Ren and Stimpy (r) (T) (209511)

6.45 Electric Circus Ententainment news (381849)

7.00 Top Gear Motoraport Australia plays host to the penultimate leg of the World Rally Championship (8172) Show An investigation into the experiment in which eight people were sealed inside a glass bubble in the Arizona desert — a "ministure world" costing billions of dollars. (337)

War Walks II Professor Richard Holmes walks the site of the 1966 Battle of Hastings (7) (7820) 8.30 Geoff Hamilton's Paradiae Gardens (r) · (T) (3627)

9.00 Shooting Stars (r) (T) (5207)



The Fast Show New series of comedy sketches, with old characters joined by a tew new ones (1) (88627) 10.00 Have I Got News for You The cuests houses (T) (6207)

are Kirsty Young and Graham Garden (72578)

10,30 Newanight (T) (254733) 11.15 lealth Berlin A tribute to the philosopher and first President of Wolfson College, Oxford who died last week (216129) 12.05 They Watch (1993) Ghostly drama

based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling With Patrick Bergin and Vanessa

Redgrave. Directed by John Korty (674757) 1.40am Village of the Damned (1960) Earle Schli chiller with George Sanders, Barbara Shelley and Michael Gwynn. Directed by Wolf Filia (1) (3147080)

2.50 Weather (6503979)

6,00mm GMTV (4187288) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (5603153) 9.55 Regional News (T) (6120882)

10.00 The Time, the Place (89443) 10.30 This Morning with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (T) (48406827)

12.20pm Regional News (6391153) 12.30 ITN Lunchlime News (T) (2340191) 12.55 WALES: Dogs With Dunbar (2325882) 12.55 Moneyspinners (2325882)

1.25 Home and Away Rebecca gets a flat tyre in the middle of nowhere. Joey collapses at the beach house. All and Fisher bond (1) (82947545)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote: Night of the Coyota (5774608) 2.50 WALES: The Puise (1) (8766443) 2.50 Yan Can Cook - The Best of China (1)

(8766443) 3,20 News (T) (8078801) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8077172)

3.30 Jeys' World (3992820) 3.40 Tach (3989356) 3.55 Bernard's Watch (8270004) 4.15 The Best of Hey Amold! (8961658) 4.40 Fun House (9938801) 5.10 A Country Practice Bill Moss meets a mermaid on the beach (9936375)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (I) (166559) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (117066) **6.25 Regional Weather** (489820)

6.30 Regional News (T) (207) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (1) (2998) 7.30 Coronation Street Nick and Leanne's love nest leaves a little to be desired.

settling in at the salon (T) (191) 8.00 The Bill: No Trace A disenchanted Steve Loxion finally leaves the force for good. But before he goes he has an old score to settle. With Tom Butcher (1) (1646) 8.30 Eye Spy (9563)



Julie Walters patrols the dunes (9.00)

Julie Walters is an Allen in Mijami Julie tries her hand at a variety of jobs including catching alligators and setting multimitten-dollar

10.00 News at Ten (T) (69004) 10.30 Regional News (638801)

10.40 The Nightman (1991) Erotic thriller with Joanna Kems and Jenny Robertson. Directed by Charles Haid (34934645) 12.30 The Paul Ross Show (640950)

2.05 Dead Recitoning (1990) Drama with Cliff Robertson, Susan Blakely and Rick Springfield. Directed by Robert Lewis

3.40 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (56740641) 4.10 Coach (8573979) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (83283)

5.30 News (76318)

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12.55 Home and Away (2325882)

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12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2325882) 1.50 Perfectly Pets (97861269) 2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (1002424) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9936375) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (70608) 10.40 Roy and HG's Bug House (3131714) 11.45 Weekly World News (671375) 12.15am Sound Bites (1656478)

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 What's My Line? (2325882) 1.50 Backstage (97861269) 2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (1002424)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9936375) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (284191) 10.40 Roy and HG's Bug House (729462) 11.40 Secrets of the World's Great Escape

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (23375)

Artists (188511)

9.00 Yaqollon (677462) 11.30 Sophie's Meat Course (1240) 12.00 Sesame Street (66917)

12.30pm Ricki Lake (93559) 1.00 Stot Melthrin (75618694) 1.15 Slot Synladau Sali (70668199) 1.30 Oasis in the Orient (85530)

2.00 Racing from Cheltenham (590849) 4.30 Deals on Wheels (284) 5.00 5 Pump (3004) 5.30 Countdown (356)

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8.00 Cefn Gwlad (9288) 8.30 Newyddion (8795) 9.00 Rhwng Duw a Dyn (4849)

10.00 Brookside (560646) 10.35 Friends (155627) 11.05 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (585375)

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11.45 Crapston Villas (572066) 12.00 TFI Friday (9851318) 1.05am Film: Britannia Hospital (84275047) 3.10 Film: Steamboat Round the Bend CHANNEL 4

5.45am Secame Street (28917) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (23375) 9.00 Schools: Off Limits (5608608) 9.25 Schools at Work (1072801) 9.30 Eurekat (T) (4520269) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (7770733) 10.02 Lost Animals (4615795) 19.10 TVM (1) (7163379) 10.25 Caraidean (6614284) 10.40 Top! (2461849) 11.00 Scotscapes (3440646) 11.15 Stage One (I) (3430269)

11.30 Sophie's Meet Course Pork (1/5) (r) (T) (1240) 12.00 Sesame Street (86917) 12.30pm Light Lunch (90375) 1.30 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World (r) (T)

2.00 Racing from Cheltenham the 2.25, 3.00, 3.35 and 4.05 races (590849) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1876240) 4.55 Ricki Lake: The British Nanny Case — Should Working Mothers Entrust Their Babies to

Strangers? (T) (9623795) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (356) 6.00 TFI Friday The guests include the actor Bob Hoskins and the England striker Les Ferdinand (59838)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (410849) 7.55 The Political Slot An MP offers an opinion on an issue of the day (383627)



World The lest of the series is from southern California's Anzaborrego desert 8.30 Brookside Elsanor gets a big surprise

(1) (8795) 9.00 Friends: The One with the Dollhouse Joey thinks he has found true love and

Chandler starts dating Rachel's boss (1) (379795) 9.35 Cvbili: Let's Stalk Cornedy starting Cybill Shepherd (T) (192801)

10.00 Frasier: Three Dates and a Break-Up Frasier enjoys three dates with different women on one weekend (T) (67646) 10.30 Rory Bremmer — Who Else? Political satire and well-observed impressions

from Bremner, aided and abetted by John Bird and John Fortune (265849) 11.10 Crapston Villas Animated suburban comedy (T) (511795)

11.25 TFI.Friday (r) (237801) 12.30am Britannia Hospital: (1982). A black comedy about a strike-bound hospital preparing for a royal visit. Starring Leonard Rossiter, Graham Crowden and Malcolm McDowell. Directed by Lindsay

2.35 Steemboat Round the Bend (1935, b/w) Will Rogers stars as a showboat captain looking for a witness who can clear his nephew who is accused of murder. Directed by John Ford (951950) 4.10 Attenborough (r) (54020115) 4.30 Flava (r) (38221) 5.00 Captain Butler (r) (T) (8957405) CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6,00mm 5 News Early (2652269)

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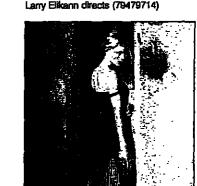
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9.00 Stranger in My Bed (1986) starring Lindsay Wagner and Armande Assante.
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Patrick Labbé. Drama about a young woman whose affair with a film-maker by Richard Clupka (5850998) 1.45 am Book of Numbers (1973) starring and directed by Raymond St Jacques. Depression era drama (1959979)

3.15 Orphan Train (1979) starring Jill Elkenberry, Kevin Dobson and Glenn Close. A social worker in 1890s America charters a train to carry a group of New York orphans in search of new families in the west. William A Graham directs the

fact-based drama (77756863)

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England's wayward star may leave Britain after World Cup

Gascoigne plans final farewell

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PAUL GASCOIGNE, who has combined being one of the finest English players of his generation with a more lurid role as a walking national soap opera, gave the first hint yesterday that he may retire after the World Cup finals in France next summer to escape from the media attention that dogs his every move.

Gascoigne, who burst into the public consciousness with a series of outstanding performances during England's run to the World Cup semi-finals in Italy seven years ago. said that he was considering ending his career in British football after the finals next year and winding down his playing days in the United States.

Even though he will still have two years left on his contract with Rangers, he said that he had been assured by David Murray, the club chairman, and Walter Smith, the manager, that they would not stand in his way. He

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mentioned the possibility of playing in Japan, but it is Major League Soccer in the United States that appeals to

Gascoigne, 30, said he would make his decision after England's involvement in the World Cup next summer is over. If he felt that he could still make a contribution to Rangers and play some part in England's qualifying campaign for the European championship in Belgium and Holland in 2000, he said, then he might see out his contract

He seemed relaxed and happy, but made it plain that he is growing ever more weary of the constant intrusion into his private life. It was obvious that he was not making threats so that people would try to dissuade him. The idea of an environment where he can appear larger than life and not be pilloried for it is exerting a strong hold.



Gascoigne takes time out during training with England yesterday to consider his future after the World Cup finals in France next summer

As the England squad prepared at Bisham Abbey for the international against Cameroon tomorrow, Gascoigne said: "I see myself ending my in Britain

Rangers.
"I have still got two years on my contract after the World Cup, but if I do feel I need to leave Rangers it will not be for another dub in Britain. If I leave, it will be abroad, not for a last challenge but a break

from all the pressure. I like the idea of America. Once you are famous there, you are famous for the rest of your life and they adore you for the rest of your life. I love it there - and

Gascoigne, who is almost certain to play against Cameroon, said that he had been "unbalanced" by the recent transfer speculation over a move to either Aston Villa or Crystal Palace that had raged around him. He said that he had spoken to Murray and Smith and they had told him that if he wanted to go, they would try to facilitate the move

They said that if I was

unhappy, they would do everything possible to help me," Gascoigne said. "I just said: 'No I want to do everything possible for Rangers and England.' After that, I will speak to Glenn Hoddle, Walthey do great pina coladas." ter Smith and Terty Venables and take their advice. If I feel I might be able to help Rangers

> consideration. "I have not got any problems about playing anywhere in the world. If I want to enjoy the last few years of my career abroad, then I will do that but it will definitely be after the World Cup. If I feel I have had enough, then I will just up

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will have to take England into

and go. My ambition at the moment is to win everything for Rangers, give them 110 per cent, get in the World Cup squad and then take it from there and consider my next

This is my last chance at a World Cup, without a doubt. I don't think I have done too badly considering the injuries I have had, but I want to go out on a high. I want to be regarded as one of the best in the world, one of the top men. I have not got anything to prove. There won't be a £15 million move waiting for me around the corner, so I can just relax and enjoy myself at the very top."

Hoddle, the England coach. confirmed that Gascoigne was guaranteed a place in his final 22-man squad for France, providing that he maintained his recent impressive form.

"Playing like he is playing."

Hoddle said, "there is no better midfielder in the

"I am seeing a little bit of maturity from him now. He is realising that there is a team situation. It is not just what he can do. That is where the

penny is dropping."

Would Hoddle consider picking someone who was playing in the United States?
"I will answer that if anyone goes there," he said.

De Glanville back to face **Australians**

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE withdrawal of Alex King from the England team to play Australia at Twickenham tomorrow will give Phil de portunity to shrug off memories of the last meeting between the countries. The Bath centre steps up from the across to replace the unfortunate King at fly half.

Four months ago, de Glanville, as England captain. led his side into the contest for the inaugural Cook Cup in Sydney. England lost by four lost not only the captaincy to Lawrence Dallaglio but his place in the side. Now he has the chance of redemption in a back division containing three other Bath players.

King, however, must go through the disappointment of watching from the sidelines after being given an early opportunity to stake his claims to the No 10 jersey. Words of reassurance from the team management, that his chance will come again and quickly, will mean nothing for the moment, though his decision to withdraw yesterday morning reflects credit on the young Wasps fly half.

Three weeks ago he required keyhole surgery to a damaged knee. He played through the Heineken Cup quarter-final against Brive on Sunday despite twice requirmistic that the knee would hold up for the international. "But when I woke up I felt that it was not yet 100 per cent," King, who has put the injury through intensive training,

King, a replacement before Christmas last season, was demonstrably disappointed last March when Jack Rowell, then the England coach, called up Rob Andrew for bench duty against Wales. He was capped as a replacement in the second meeting with Argentina in Buenos Aires in June but Australia would have been his first start in an international. This is probably the biggest disappointment of them all but life goes on and I'll be back," King said.

Paul Grayson, the Northampton fly half, has been added to the replacements but King's withdrawal leaves a heavy goalkicking burden on Catt, Grayson, after all, has

conceded the kicking duties at Franklins Gardens in recent weeks to Matt Dawson. How ever, now that David Alred has been taken on full-time to help to coach England, his specialist kicking skills will benefit all the backs, among them Matt Perry, who would be the back-up if Catt was out

All being well, Kings chance will come against New Zealand or South Africa during England's intensive pre-Christmas programme. Until then, Catt, playing in his club position rather than centre. Seven of his 23 caps have been at fly half and he made five appearances there for the British Isles during the summer, including the final international against South Africa in Johannesburg.

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De Glanville: back

significant disruption, though Clive Woodward, the coach, will regret not having an early opportunity to see King display his wares. "Alex is certainly a bigger man than I was a year ago against Argentina," Catt, who took a chest injury into that game (and subsequently lost his place), said.

Meanwhile, de can put the record straight That game [in Sydney] wat the lowest point of my five 'years in international rugby,' he said reflecting on a match in which two missed tackles led directly to Australian tries in a 25-6 defeat. "I have felt a lot more relaxed this season maybe it is a case of not taking things too seriously — and I have started to enjoy my rugby again."

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Horton's seniors confronting full force of European girl power

The Ryder Cup has a lot to answer for. Although the excitement it has generated in recent years has made it one of the most enthralling team events in any sport, it has also spawned a series of lookalike competi-tions that come fizzing off the copying machine every couple

The first was the Solheim Cup, named after Karsten Solheim, the man who invented the Ping putter. It is contested every two years by the women professional golfers of the United States and Europe.
Though Europe predictably

lost the first encounter, at Lake Nona, Florida, in 1990, the success of the biennial event was assured when, led by a rampant Laura Davies, they unexpectedly triumphed in Edinburgh in 1992.

The next competition to be dreamt up was the Presidents Cup, conceived as a means of giving many of the world's best players from outside Europe, men like Ernie Els, Nick Price, Greg Norman, Vijay Singh and Jumbo Ozaki, a chance to compete against the leading US professionals in a matchplay format. The Presidents Cup also John Hopkins previews the latest team event squeezed into the golfing calendar

matchplay practice in the year in which they are not playing in the Ryder Cup. Happily, it is devoid of the jarring sound of a sponsor's name in the bonour of the head of state meant that the US Tour could invite Gerald Ford, a former president, to serve as honorary chairman for the first match, in 1994. George Bush acted in the same capacity for



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the second match, which was held in September last year. Now the marketing men. have come up with another team event, which starts today. This one is the European

Cup, a three-day match between ten women professionals and ten men drawn from the ranks of the European Seniors' Tour. Marie-Laure de Lorenzi will captain the women's team, which contains five players who have competed in the Solheim Cup, including the estimable Ali-son Nicholas, the US Open champers No 1, while Toronty Hosters No 1, while Tommy Horton leads the over-50s.

The format is five foursomes today, five four-balls tomorrow and ten singles on Sunday. The venue, Praia D'El Rey, an hour north of Lisbon, is on what is known as the Silver Coast, an area. according to the publicity, that has been influenced by the Phoenicians, Romans, Celts and Arabs, although not necessarily in that order. In other words, the inaugu-

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mercially-driven event that has been taken to a part of a country that needs publicity, where competitors are staying in a new hotel that wants its name to be better known and will play on a course that may well become outstanding but is so far untested because it has been in existence for less time than Labour have been

What will happen in this corner of Portugal over the next three days? Will this event be so successful that it will become a legitimate competition or will it merely be another end-of-season bonanza that clever businessmer with axes to grind have some aged to persuade golf officiallinto thinking is necessary?

This enthusiastic follower of team events, in what is essentially an individual game, hopes it works. So far, though, with the cacophonic sounds of building work rising up to leaden skies, the omens are not good. The year consists of only 52 weeks and four seasons but the trend is to try and squeeze more and more tournaments into the time available, to satisfy some commercial whim. I suspect that this may be one event too

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